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£160m HOSPITAL BID HIT BY COSTS BLOW



PLANS to build a £160million hospital on land west of Basingstoke have been blocked due to concerns over costs.

A decision on the critical care unit in North Waltham was due to be made by the borough council next month. But this is unlikely to now take place after the North and West Hampshire clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) advised against taking the proposals to formal public consultation "at this stage".

A joint statement from the CCGs said: "The governing bodies of the two clinical commissioning groups have received a paper recommending that [we] should not take the proposals for a new critical treatment hospital to formal public consultation at this stage."

"The main reason for the recommendations is that the costs outlined in [the] proposal are not affordable to the commissioners."

"The commissioners acknowledge that there is a need for change and recognise that the current organisation of services is unsustainable in the longer term."

Basingstoke MP Maria Miller has written to the head of the North Hampshire CCG to express her concerns on the decision, highlighting the importance of the hospital in supporting the increase in housing proposed by the borough's draft local plan.

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• Concerns have been raised over the cost of building the critical treatment centre (picture courtesy of Hassells), and (inset) Basingstoke MP Maria Miller has questioned the decision

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Mum attacked by a bogus collector

"THERE are people out there like this and they can't be allowed to get away with it again."

That was the message from a Popley grandmother after a bogus charity worker subjected her to a "horrendous" assault on her doorstep.

Lillian Martin, 50, was punched in the face after politely telling a man claiming to be collecting money for a children's charity that she could not "give money to everyone that knocks on the door".

The mum-of-two was knocked unconscious when she hit her head as she fell and suffered severe swelling and bruising to her chin, jaw, mouth and left eye as a result of the attack, which took place last Wednesday between 7.15pm and 7.35pm.

Mrs Martin has been too scared to leave her Abbey Road home since the incident, and told the Observer that she hoped that, by coming forward, others would not have to go through a similar ordeal.

"I didn't see it coming, but who would think that they were about to get assaulted by a charity worker?" she said.

"If this stops even one person

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from going through what I have, then it'll be worth it.

"I hope they find him and throw the book at him, because it was horrendous."

Mrs Martin added: "How can someone like that be walking around the streets? The physical injuries will go eventually, and I hope that one day I'll be able to mentally get over it as well."

The suspect is described as white, in his mid-20s, of stocky build, and clean shaven with short dark hair. He was wearing a navy jumper and blue jeans.

PC Michaela Gaimster said: "This was a nasty and unprovoked attack, which has left the victim in a great deal of discomfort. She was targeted in her own home, which has left her feeling very shaken and distressed.

"If you have any information about this incident please call us as soon as possible."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact PC Gaimster at Basingstoke police station on 101, or by calling Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.



• Lillian Martin sustained severe facial injuries after being punched in the face by someone claiming to be a charity worker last week

Hospital scheme setback sparks new row

• From front page

She said: "What has been announced could mean a significant delay to proceeding with this important improvement to healthcare in Basingstoke."

"We need investment to expand local healthcare if Basingstoke is to adopt its current draft local plan which calls for thousands of new homes."

"This announcement questions the readiness of the local NHS to deliver for an increased Basingstoke population."

The hospital plans, which were put forward by Hampshire Hos-

pitals NHS Foundation Trust (HHFT), include an £18.5million cancer treatment centre, and would provide 24-hour care for critically-ill patients on a site just north of junction 7 of the M3.

HHFT chief executive Mary Edwards said: "Clearly we are disappointed that consultation is not going ahead yet."

"We fully appreciate the challenging financial context that the NHS faces, and will continue to pursue solutions that are affordable and deliver high-quality patient care."

Cllr Stephen Reid, who is Hamp-

shire County Council's representative on HHFT's governing body, has called the news "unacceptable", and questioned why concerns had only just been raised.

"The CCGs are now saying, after working with HHFT for two years, that they cannot support the proposals," said Cllr Reid.

"I have to ask why the reservation was not aired an earlier date so that it could be addressed?"

"[They] are willing to stop the new hospital in its tracks, but offer no positive alternative, just another review and consultation."

"I find this unacceptable: it is

dither and delay, and a recipe for wasting NHS money."

• Hampshire County Council's Stephen Reid claims that the move will "waste NHS money"

**News Bites****Heading home**

OLD BASING: An electronics company director from Old Basing is nearing the end of a 5,600-mile sailing challenge.

William Green set sail towards Rio Di Janeiro in Brazil from St Katharine Docks in London on Sunday, August 30, as part of the first leg of the Clipper Round the World Race. The 50-year-old's UNICEF team of 20 amateur sailors is about 500 miles away from the finish line.

William has raised £9,400 towards his £15,000 target, with 95 per cent of the funds raised going to the construction of a new Scout hall in Old Basing.

The Clipper Round the world Race consists of the completion of eight legs, amounting to 44,000 nautical miles, over the space of 10-and-a-half months.

Council meeting

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's development control committee will meet next week.

The council's civic offices in London Road will host the meeting, which is open for members of the public to attend, and will run from 6.30pm to 9.30pm.

Correction

LAST week the Observer published a story on the death of Basingstoke resident Johnathan Brown, who was tragically killed following a car crash on the M3, near Micheldever, on September 7.

In the story, it was reported that Mr Brown had died later that day in hospital, but we can now confirm that he died at the scene of the accident.

The Observer would like to apologise for any distress caused to Mr Brown's family and friends as a result of the article.

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'Desperate' need aired for community centre



• Deputy leader of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Cllr Terri Reid feels that a community centre in Beggarwood is "desperately needed", and (inset) an artist's impression of the centre

PLANS for an "incredibly welcome" new community centre in Beggarwood have been sent to the borough council for approval.

Residents have been campaigning for a centre in the area for several years - with a building previously being included as part of proposals to build 96 homes in Beggarwood Lane.

The new application is for a separate site in Beggarwood Park, near the Kiddi Caru nursery, however, after the public voted in favour of the facility being built at that location last year.

A total of 68 per cent of respondents supported the park option in a public consultation on the issue last November.

Beggarwood councillor Terri Reid has given her backing to the application, adding that it was "desperately needed".

"The people of Beggarwood have been waiting for this for a very long time," said Cllr Reid. "I've been a councillor here for five years, and I was told then that this was just round the corner, so it's a big relief."

"It's incredibly welcome because there's no community

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centre like this in the area, and it will be great to have facilities provided for local people so they don't have to travel to Hatch Warren."

About £505,000 of contributions from developers will be used to fund the building of the centre at the site, which was identified by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

The application says: "The proposal is designed to complement and enhance the character of the park and its use by residents."

"The building provides a foyer space, office and WC facilities around this area with entrances into the main hall, which is orientated towards the views of the park and the distant views to the north."

Cllr Reid added: "I have my concerns about the lack of parking, but in the end made the decision that it wasn't worth holding this up even longer."

"This is desperately needed, and is what the people want, so I'm very happy with the news."

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Fundraising bid

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: The Basingstoke and Deane Community Fund is launching a campaign to raise funds for local charities from next month.

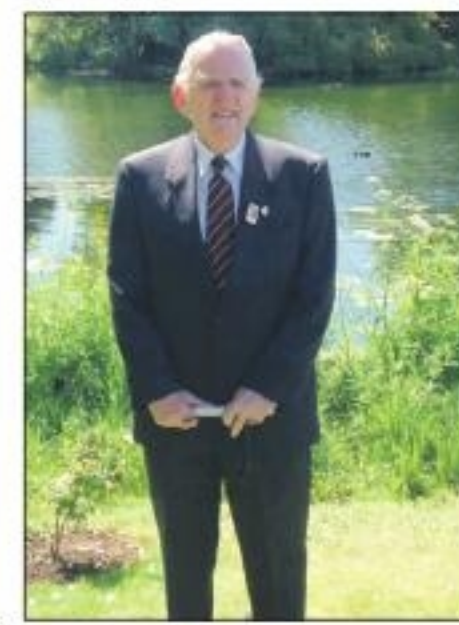
'Grow Your Tenner' begins on Tuesday, October 13, and will see donations of £10 matched by fundraising organisation Local Giving towards the fund over the three months afterwards.

People can donate to the fund as part of the campaign by visiting localgiving.com/charity/basingstokecommunityfund.

Veteran attends

BASINGSTOKE: A blind Basingstoke veteran will join 1,800 other former servicemen at a special service for a military charity next week.

Dennis Fleckney, 84, served as a vehicle mechanic in the Army between 1948 and 1953, before beginning to lose his sight soon after due to the rare genetic disease macular dystrophy.



Stolen drug could prove fatal

LARGE quantities of highly dangerous drugs were stolen from a South Ham veterinary surgery over the weekend.

GP Vets in Worting Road was burgled between 9pm last Friday night and 8am the following day.

A substantial amount of barbiturates and opiates was taken by the thief or thieves during the incident, while a substance used to euthanise animals was also stolen.

Police have issued a warning to any members of the public who find the drugs not to take them - with even a small amount of the substance understood to be fatal if consumed by a human.

PC Mike Ahearne, of the police's Northern Investigations team, said: "We would advise anyone who may come across any of the substances not to ingest them under any circumstances."

"Without knowing what you are taking, the consequences could be fatal."

"We are also appealing to anyone who may be able to help us identify who is responsible."

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Wanted brothers held in acid attack inquiry

TWO brothers wanted by police in connection with a "horrific" acid attack on a mum of six have been arrested following a nationwide manhunt.

Billy and Geoffrey Midmore, 22 and 26, were detained on Monday night in Kent after being tracked by officers as part of an investigation into the assault which took place earlier this month.

Carla Whitlock, 37, suffered severe burns to her face, eyes and neck when someone threw acid in her face during an attack in Guildhall Square in Southampton on Friday, September 18. Ms Whitlock, of Southampton, has since been told that she could permanently lose the sight in her right eye as a result of the incident.

Police offered a £5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the "dangerous" Midmore brothers just hours before they were apprehended.

The suspects are from London but are understood to "have contacts in Basingstoke" and were known to have taken a train to the town directly after the alleged assault, before returning to Southampton the following day.

A 33-year-old woman was also arrested during a raid at an address in Gillingham, Kent,

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as part of a joint operation by Hampshire Constabulary and Kent Police at about 10.45pm on Monday.

All three have since been taken into police custody, and are due to be brought back to Hampshire in the coming days for questioning over the assault.

Following the arrests, police thanked the general public for their help in providing information on the case and for spreading news of the story on social media.

Detective Inspector Will Whale, who is leading the investigation, said: "The victim is now out of hospital, but her injuries are life-changing and horrific."

"We would like to thank the community for all of the information they have come forward with, and the media for their assistance during this investigation."

Anyone with further information is asked to contact police officers on 101, quoting Operation Interstate, or by contacting the Crimestoppers charity phone line anonymously on 0800 555111.

Plaque unveiled to mark village war fallen

RESIDENTS and schoolchildren in Aldermaston came together last Friday to commemorate the 44 men from the village who lost their lives in the First World War.

The ceremony at St Mary's Church was staged on what was the 100th anniversary of the first day of the Battle of

Loos, on which six men from Aldermaston were killed.

Villagers and children from Aldermaston Church of England Primary School were present for the unveiling of a plaque, which lists all 44 men.

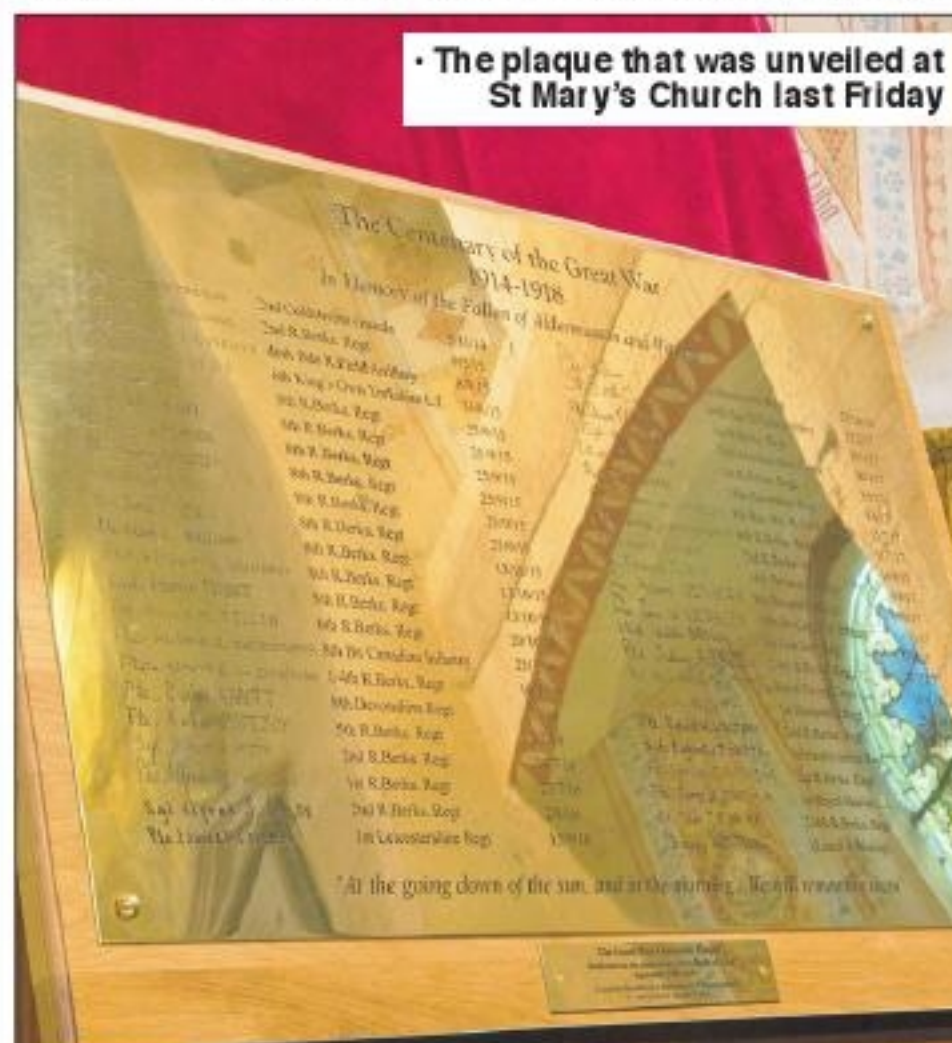
The plaque was commissioned by the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE), and was partly designed by pupils from the school during a visit from historian and AWE worker David Whithorn in July.

Mr Whithorn said: "The day was very special, because we remembered the men from this village that lost their lives in a way that brought this period to life for the children of Aldermaston."

"Now, hopefully, they will never be forgotten."

Research has shown that a significant proportion of Aldermaston men joined the 8th Royal Berkshire regiment at the outbreak of the war in 1914.

They were sent to France in August 1915, where they attacked the enemy at Loos and captured three lines of trenches before being forced back by German troops.



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Service accolade

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's dog warden service has received an RSPCA Gold Community Animal Welfare Footprint Award.

The accolade recognises the quality of the service provided by the dog wardens, the environmental health team and the community safety patrol officers in the treatment and welfare of stray dogs.

Cabinet member for regulatory services and the environment, Cllr Hayley Eachus, said: "I am delighted."

Swishing boost

BASINGSTOKE: A clothes show with a difference helped raise £300 for charity last Wednesday.

The 'swishing party' at the Tea Bar in London Street saw people trade in unwanted clothes for different used garments, while contributing £10.

All the funds raised went to The Mayor's Charity Appeal, which is supporting Inspiro, Ark Cancer Centre Charity and the Basingstoke Multicultural Forum.

Pro Am golf day

KINGSCLERE: A Kingsclere golf club will hold its annual Pro Am tournament this Friday.

Sandford Springs Hotel and Golf Club will host the event, which combines 24 teams of amateur and PGA professional golfers.

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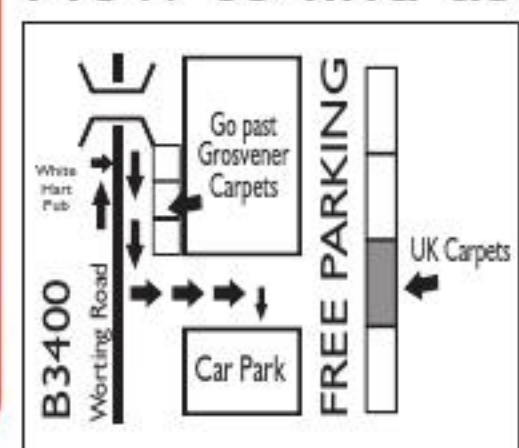


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Start-ups get business boost

BASINGSTOKE entrepreneurs are set to benefit from a world-renowned business course next month.

Technology start-ups will be offered the chance to join business organisation SETsquared by taking part in a three-day programme.

The training course will take place at the Innovation Centre in Basing View from Tuesday, October 13, with sessions and workshops being led by experienced business owners on how to make a successful start-up.

A total of 19 entrepreneurs from the area took part in the course last year, with three being chosen to be part of SETsquared's Basing View hub, which is expected to bring £20million of investment to Basingstoke.

SETsquared resident entrepreneur Adrian Braine said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for entrepreneurs and start-ups in the Basingstoke area."

"Those who took part in the previous course have gone from strength to strength and we hope to do the same for our next cohort."

A number of free places are available for eligible businesses in the SETsquared programme, which is a long-standing partnership between universities in Bath, Bristol, Exeter, Southampton and Surrey.

To book a place, visit setsquared.co.uk/enterprise.

Rebecca's chance at a music Korea

WHEN most people in the UK think of K-Pop, the name of YouTube sensation Psy springs to mind.

The South Korean artist 'broke the internet' when his single Gangnam Style became the first video to breach one billion views on the site in 2012.

But another musician from a little closer to home who shot to online stardom herself five years earlier is now hoping to give the British public another reason to follow the Korean music industry.

Kempshott singer Rebecca Strachan will realise a dream eight years in the making next month when she flies to Changwon to represent the UK at the K-Pop World Festival in front of 25,000 people.

A video of Rebecca singing in Korean was viewed more than a quarter of a million times in 2007, prompting promises from record labels to fly her to East Asia and make her a star that were never fulfilled.

"I've been trying for such a long time to perform in South Korea, so it's an absolute dream come true," said Rebecca.

"I probably would've quit if I hadn't done it this year, but I thought I'd try one last time."

She added: "I really don't have words to describe how much this

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means to me."

The 27-year-old will perform alongside 13 other acts at the contest on Friday, October 30, having been ranked top of 180 contestants from the UK final on July 5.

Rebecca's love for Korean music started after she became "captivated" with the genre after hearing songs from the soundtrack of computer game Final Fantasy 12 years ago.

And the former Queen Mary's College student will now get to perform on the same stage as some of her music heroes at next month's event - something she admitted was "beyond anything I could've dreamed of".

She added: "My family and friends find it a bit odd, but I've immersed myself in K-Pop for the last decade, so I don't see it as strange anymore."

"I've been following these artists for so many years, so I'll probably freak out when I see them."

"It would mean everything to make a career out of this,"

"But I'm just so happy to have this opportunity."



• Kempshott's Rebecca Strachan will perform at the K-Pop World Festival in Changwon next month

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Dementia care

HAMPSHIRE: A pioneering scheme has launched to support Hampshire dementia sufferers.

Around 100 people with early signs of dementia will trial a tele-care service designed to monitor people from afar to allow sufferers to live independently in their own homes run by Hampshire County Council.

Using wireless technology and sensors, it aims to alert family and carers if they are needed.

Silver surfers

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: People aged 50 or over can benefit from a string of free beginner sessions for those looking to improve their computer skills.

They will be run by Age Concern Hampshire, from Monday, October 12 to Sunday, October 18, as part of Get Online Week.

Sessions take place each day at Chineham Library, South Ham Library and Harveys Field in Overton. To book a place, call 01256 423874.

Lottery results

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from Friday, September 25.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 53928 of Basingstoke, while ticket 48677 of Oakley claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Basingstoke ticket 34996, and Overton ticket 03225 gets fourth prize of £20. Prizes of £5 go to 12263, 17010, 17967, 22717, 31779, 36024, 38945, 50405, 51890, 56710, 61087, 62418, 68522, 77089, 83296 and 83474.

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Record entry

BASINGSTOKE: A record number of charity teams are set to take part in the annual Basingstoke Half Marathon this Sunday.

Online entry for the 13.1-mile race is now closed, but runners can sign up on the day before 10am at War Memorial Park.

The race will begin at 11am near the roundabout in Hackwood Road, and will finish at the same spot.

Town rates highly

FLEET: A new study has found Fleet to be the 15th best place in the country to raise a family.

The GU51 postcode area received the accolade as part of an annual survey conducted by family finance company OneFamily.

The study was published last week and used over 70 sets of data including crime rates, average salary, Ofsted school scores and childcare costs to produce an overall score.

Fleet's score of 21.59 placed the area between Devon towns Crediton and Colyton.

Health challenge

POPLEY: A challenge aimed at promoting healthier lifestyles across Basingstoke and Deane was launched today in Popley.

Residents can monitor the amount they exercise as part of six-week walking and cycling game Beat the Street, by scanning a card against sensors placed on lamp-posts.

Prizes will be awarded to participants who can cover the most ground.

Commissioner denies expenses wrongdoing

HAMPSHIRE'S police and crime commissioner has been referred to a watchdog following complaints over his office's expenses.

By Christian Wilson

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A bill of about £100 is understood to have been claimed back by Simon Hayes to cover vehicle tickets and parking during five trips to the Isle of Wight in 2013. The PCC is also accused of allowing the taxpayer to foot the costs of the same ferry twice - prompting the involvement of the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC), which is currently deciding whether to launch an investigation.

Following the complaints however, Mr Hayes has defended his office's use of expenses, and insisted that he would have nothing to gain from improperly claiming funds.

He said: "Visits to the Isle of Wight are either by Red Jet, when I leave my car in Southampton, or when I need to travel extensively around the island I'll take my own vehicle and use the car ferry.

"My travel arrangements are organised and paid for by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, so I have no reason to claim money back for travelling to the Isle of Wight, or anywhere else for that matter.

"The only personal claims I make are for mileage related to journeys in my car.

"Occasionally I'll claim for parking, but not always.

"I don't claim for food or other entitlements because I feel it's not the right thing to do."

The Hampshire Police and Crime Panel, which was set up to independently hold commissioners to account, will handle the complaint.

But Mr Hayes, who earns in the region of £85,000 a year, felt that the process of investigating the protest would cost "more than the alleged offence in the first place".

He added: "I don't know the origins of this complaint, as the complainant in the matter hadn't contacted me before informing the media.

"The system put in place by Parliament to deal with complaints against

PCCs is the same whatever the nature of the complaint, so due process has to take its course.

"The process is costly and often spends more taxpayers' money than the alleged offence in the first place."

• Hampshire police and crime commissioner Simon Hayes has defended his office's use of expenses



Councillor's Corner

Cllr Gavin James

Liberal Democrat Councillor for Eastrop



Second centre needed

MANY of you reading this column will have experienced sitting in a traffic queue at the household waste centre in Wade Road over the summer.

With just a small bag of garden waste in your car's boot, you would have sat watching the fumes billowing out of vehicles in front of you for 30 minutes, wondering how this could possibly be the greenest way of doing things.

As you know, garden waste is not allowed in your black bin.

The council's £30 garden waste scheme cost might offer good value for the larger garden, but not for the majority of Basingstoke residents with our modest gardens.

Until I can persuade someone that community compost bins could work, we will be stuck in that traffic jam.

A huge step forward would be a second recycling centre

serving the south-west of town, and those people furthest from the Wade Road site.

The former travellers' site at Peak Copse is owned by the public but has been left derelict.

It could easily serve as a park-and-ride during the week, offering relief to the A30 and Brighton Hill roundabout, and then be a recycling centre at the weekend, even if it was just for gardening waste and recyclables.

That would take the pressure off the Wade Road facility and reduce travel time for many residents.

This would be good for the environment and good for the people of the borough.

However, we will now have to wait to see whether either of those points is important enough for our Tory county council to take action.

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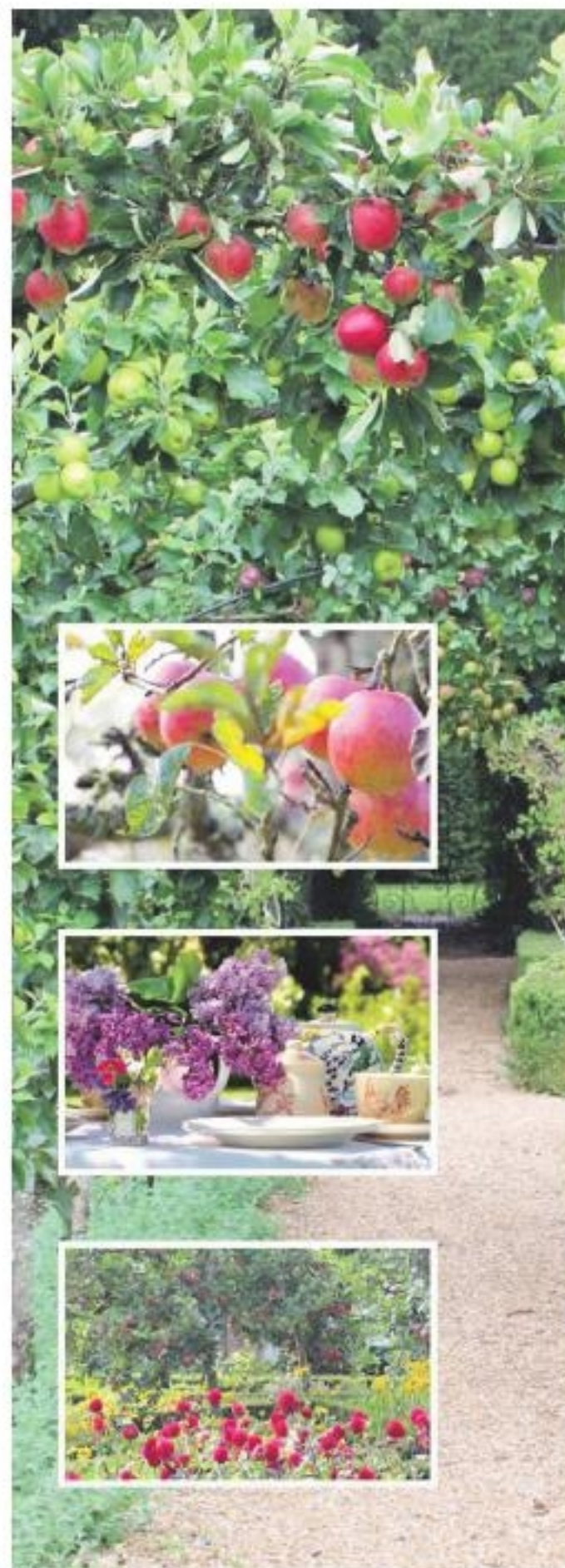
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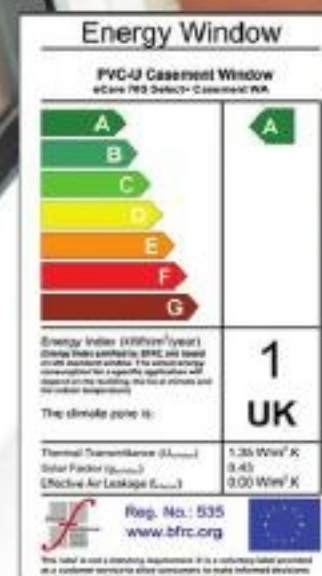
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Man killed by "cocktail" of drugs

A TADLEY man who died from a drug overdose did not intend to permanently "put the lights out" – a coroner has concluded.

Martin Chapman was discovered dead by friends at his home in Mount Pleasant on July 8 having taken a "cocktail" of drugs, an inquest at Basingstoke Coroner's Court heard. Levels of methadone, diazepam, codeine and amphetamine were all found in Mr Chapman's system.

The 51-year-old suffered from depression and had been meeting with counsellors from the Southern Health team since being raped last year.

But North East Hampshire coroner Andrew Bradley gave a conclusion of death by misadventure last Wednesday.

Mr Bradley said: "In order to conclude a suicide has taken place, I have to be satisfied that someone intended to die.

"But I don't believe Martin meant to put the lights out and never turn them back on again."

Police Constable Ben Housley, who attended the scene, said: "I was called to the house and saw that Mr Chapman was lying on his back on his bed. There were no signs of a struggle, and nothing raising our concerns that would indicate foul play."

Mr Bradley added: "Putting these drugs together is a deadly cocktail that many wouldn't survive, but I'm confident he wouldn't have known this."

Dad died of slow bleed on the brain

A BASINGSTOKE dad-of-two died from a slow bleed on the brain and not as a result of a serious fall as first thought, an inquest into his death has found.

Police officers found the body of John Cotter, 57, after forcing entry into his home in Ballard Close in July after his family raised concerns about him.

Initial reports had suggested Mr Cotter was fatally injured after falling while trying to get out of bed.

But an inquest last Wednesday by North East Hampshire coroner Andrew Bradley ruled he passed away from natural causes after suffering from a haemorrhagic stroke.

"When I first got this report, I was convinced there had been a fall, with death coming as a result," said Mr Bradley.

"But now I don't think that was the case at all.

"He's very quietly had a brain bleed and very quietly slumped to the floor and died a natural death."

The inquest at Basingstoke Law Courts in London Road heard that Mr Cotter's stroke was due to upper gastrointestinal bleeding, caused by acute gastric ulcers in his stomach.

By Christian Wilson

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Police Constable Ian Davies was called to the house after neighbours rang the police after mistaking Mr Cotter's son for an intruder as he tried to get into his dad's home.

PC Davies said: "After forcing entry to the flat, I found Mr Cotter slumped on the floor next to his bed.

"There was no sign of any bleeding, but his body was cold, and it quickly became obvious that he was dead."

His son Shane Cotter told the court how his father had been prescribed medication after being sectioned under the mental health act in 2008, but refused to take his pills after growing paranoid and questioning the integrity of his doctors.

"He was very depressed, he struggled to feed himself, and it took a lot of courage on his part to do even the most simple task," said Mr Cotter.

"I didn't enter the flat when the police arrived as I sensed what was coming, but didn't want to see it."

Mr Bradley added: "He didn't

take his medication, which left him at risk of a stroke, and that is exactly what happened.

"Hopefully, the fact that he died a natural death will give you some comfort and you will

now have some peace."

• The inquest at Basingstoke Coroner's Court, based in the law courts, ruled John Cotter died of natural causes



News Bites

Variety show

BASINGSTOKE: Basingstoke Variety Show will return on Saturday from 7.30pm at the Anvil in Churchill Way.

A total of 300 performers from Basingstoke and Deane will showcase talents ranging from music, to dance and theatre.

Tickets are £14 for adults, with all proceeds going to the Mayor's charity appeal, which supports Inspiro, Basingstoke Multicultural Forum and the Ark Cancer Centre Charity.

Spooktacular

BASINGSTOKE: Festival Place shopping centre is hosting a two-day Halloween special next month.

Porchester Square will be transformed into the centre's own Spooky Hollow, with scary face painting and an art stand.

Residents can also win prizes from Festival Place retailers by taking 'spooky photos' in a custom-built photo booth and sharing them on social media with the hashtag #spookytp.

The event will take place from Friday, October 30 to Saturday, October 31 from Midday to 6pm.

Octoberfest

BASINGSTOKE: Hampshire's OctoberFest will take place from next Friday at Basingstoke Cricket and Sports Ground.

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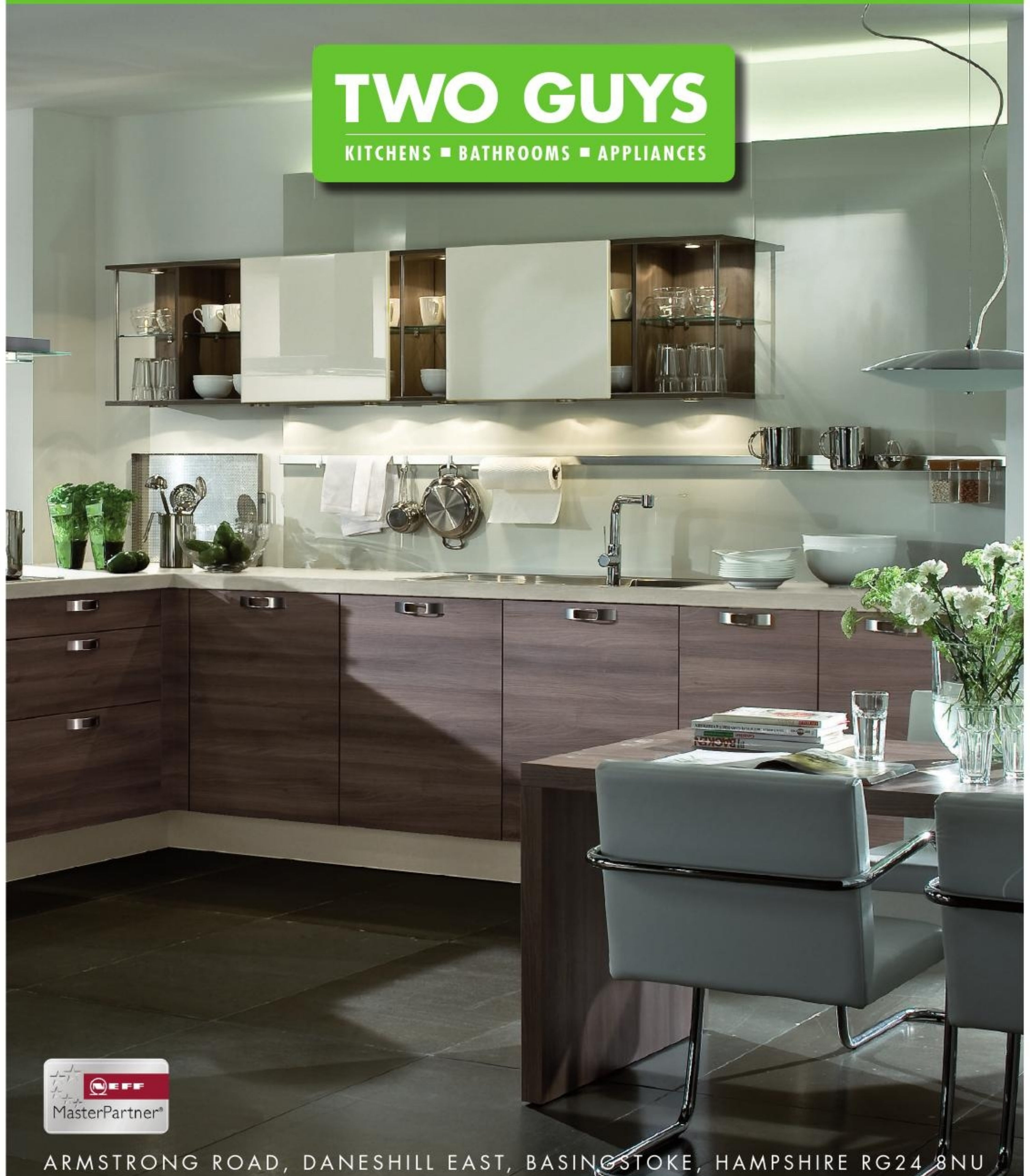
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Traders to get "stronger voice" from BID proposal

BASINGSTOKE leaders are urging businesses to follow the example set by other towns by forming a Business Improvement District (BID) in the town centre.

The move would see traders take control organising projects and events to improve the Top of Town using funds generated through a levy charge on business owners.

Commercial improvements would be run solely by a steering group made up of business owners, and would be separate to services funded by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

BIDs are already in operation

By **Christian Wilson**

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in Winchester, Reading, Newbury and Eastleigh.

Leader of Basingstoke's town centre improvement plan and council deputy leader Terri Reid called on traders to "grasp this great opportunity".

She said: "I don't know how many festivals and events took place in Winchester last year, but there were a lot."

"That's all down to the BID, and we want to follow that example."

Cllr Reid added: "This would



give the people a stronger voice in what is needed to improve their town, and they need to grasp this great opportunity."

The borough council's cabinet met to discuss whether to offer rent-free accommodation in Market Chambers for the next five years as offices for the BID last night after the Observer went to press.

Town centre businesses are set to vote on whether to adopt the BID, called the Basingstoke Together scheme, in November.

It could become operational from next April if given the go ahead.

Council leader Clive Sanders said: "The important thing to emphasise is that it's not our decision, and it will be put together by traders themselves."

"If approved, this will only be successful if they get their act together and run it properly."

"We whole heartedly support the BID and believe it will enhance the area."

Cllr Sanders added: "When you look at all the major towns, they all have them, with some more successful than others."

"But there's enough examples of people getting behind similar projects for this to work."

Borough council leader Clive Sanders has supported the creation of a Business Improvement District (BID) in the town centre

Youngsters benefit from AWE scheme

BUDDING scientists from Basingstoke and Tadley have benefited from an apprenticeship scheme.

Nuclear deterrent manufacturer the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) has taken on a total of 42 trainees at its base in Aldermaston.

The apprentices will receive training in one of five chosen technical disciplines and study for a level three technical cer-

tificate and National Vocational Qualification as part of the three-year-advanced programme.

Youngsters will also spend one year in the skills academy and two years doing on-site placements, with AWE highlighting the scheme's role in providing a "continuous pipeline" for scientists and engineers of the future.

Skills academy manager Marcus Hutchings said of the scheme: "It's always exciting to

welcome our new apprentices.

"It's a culmination of many months' work with contributions and support from across the organisation."

"Our apprentices ensure we have a continuous pipeline for highly competent, nuclear specific skills into the business."

Anyone interested in applying for next year's scheme can do so from the start of November online at awe.co.uk/careers.



• AWE has taken on 42 apprentices this year

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Bill benefit

HAMPSHIRE: Households in Hampshire struggling to pay their fuel bills are set to benefit from over £300,000 of new government funding.

The money will help people install central heating systems, and will be made available by the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) as part of the Central Heating Fund (CHF).

The move will aim to help fuel homes that have no central heating and reduce their energy bills, with DECC claiming that the initiative could help households in Hampshire save up to £1,000 a year.

New chief

BASINGSTOKE: Basingstoke Voluntary Action (BVA) charity has announced the appointment of its new chief executive.



Stephen Morgan (pictured) will begin his new role at the volunteer group next Monday, after replacing former chief executive Rebecca Kennelly.

Mr Morgan said: "I've been impressed by BVA and the essential work it undertakes."

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Quick Clues Across

- 1 Considered (11)
- 9 Freeze (3)
- 10 Carry (9)
- 11 Sea bottom (5)
- 13 Adolescent (7)
- 14 Spurn (6)
- 16 Inquiring (6)
- 18 Town in Cyprus (7)
- 19 Blood sucker (5)
- 20 Obviously (9)
- 21 Moral lapse (3)
- 22 Place for personal advertisements (5,6)

Quick Clues Down

- 2 Look at (3)
- 3 Bury (5)
- 4 Extorts (6)
- 5 Replies (7)
- 6 Recalling memories (9)
- 7 Dissimilarities (11)
- 8 Makes firmer (11)
- 12 Disapproving (9)
- 15 Water tank (7)
- 17 Milky (6)
- 19 Faithful (5)
- 21 Total (3)

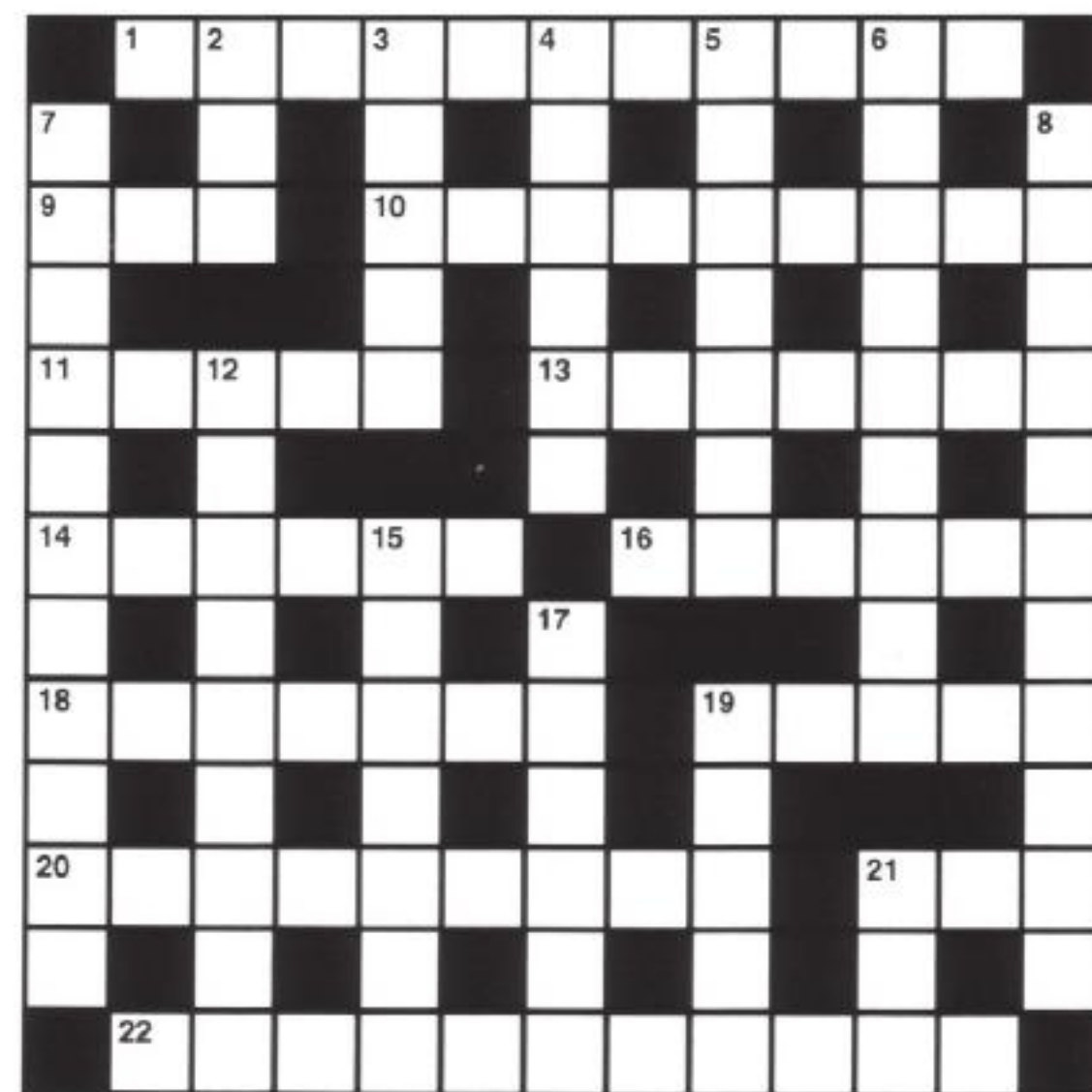
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 The reliability of what can be eaten on credit? (11)
- 9 That is including a century in a cold state (3)
- 10 At no future time, according to the raven (9)
- 11 To tease us in return is sweet (5)
- 13 Those who are willing to reveal all? (7)
- 14 One who dines after noon initially is tidier (6)
- 16 One way I can change my mood (6)
- 18 Guess that the likeness will take in (7)
- 19 It's more genuine to be faithful to what is right (5)
- 20 How a Latin son could join the citizens (9)
- 21 Be critical of the god (3)
- 22 Making a fresh judgement about how the fools sing? (11)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 2 There's grass in every English county (3)
- 3 One who gives a way in round the new head (5)
- 4 Stolid six in part of the skeleton (6)
- 5 Almost entice without effort in a sensational way (7)
- 6 The outfit of the philosopher after a theoretical start? (9)
- 7 Quarrels about putting different sons in sides (11)
- 8 Bring the dismissals to a halt and stop fighting (5,6)
- 12 Give a pledge beforehand and argue out the surroundings (9)
- 15 Men who periodically have a policy (7)
- 17 Argue if it will be back in time (6)
- 19 In short it inquires for jobs (5)
- 21 A church following could turn this use of words into a blow (3)
- 25 You are old in divine surroundings - and sound like 29 (4)



Sudoku

The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid (also called "boxes", "blocks", "regions", or "sub-squares") contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a unique solution.

EASY/MEDIUM/HARD

9		1		5		3	4	
		5	1				6	7
	3		4	2	8			
8	9	7			6			5
	6		8		4		1	
3			5			6	8	2
			9	4	1			
6	7					1		
	4	8		6		5		3

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This week's solutions

4	9	7	8	5	1	2	6	3
1	3	6	9	2	7	5	4	8
2	5	8	6	4	3	7	9	1
6	2	5	4	7	6	3	1	8
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8	9	7	2	1	6	4	3	5
5	6	2	8	3	4	7	1	9
3	1	4	5	7	9	6	8	2
2	5	3	9	4	1	8	7	6
6	7	9	3	8	5	1	2	4
1	4	8	7	6	2	5	9	3

Quick Crossword
Across: 1 Deliberated 9 Ice 10 Transport 11 Floor
13 Teenage 14 Reject 16 Asking 18 Nicosia 19 Leech
20 Evidently 21 Sin 22 Agony column
Down: 2 Eye 3 Inter 4 Exacts 5 Answers 6 Evocative
7 Differences 8 Strengthens 12 Objecting 15 Cistern
17 Lactic 19 Loyal 21 Sum
Cryptic Crossword
Across: 1 Credibility 9 Ice 10 Nevermore 11 Sugar 13 Nudists
14 Neater 16 Myself 18 Imagine 19 Truer 20 Nationals 21 Pan
22 Reassuring
Down: 2 Rye 3 Donor 4 Bovine 5 Lundy 6 Trouseau
7 Disensions 8 Cease firing 12 Guarantee 15 Editors 17 Debate
19 Task 21 Pun

Puzzles



Health & beauty

Changes in the look and feel of your skin during cold, winter months are not abnormal, but you can counteract unpleasant irritation.

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The tell-tale symptoms of dry skin are easy to spot: Skin just generally feels drier and tighter. Other signs may include roughness, itching, severe redness, flaking and scaling. Sometimes pores become less visible or skin may look dull. In severe cases, skin may crack and bleed, especially on the hands and fingertips.

Why does it happen?

Sun exposure or cold, dry air can cause skin to become dehydrated. Dry skin is more common in the winter because the air contains less humidity. It can also be genetic or hereditary, or a natural effect of aging.

What are your options?

- Over-the-counter lotions, such as Eucerin and Curél, can relieve dryness and flaking. Or try a body cream that contains oil to help seal in moisture. Look for fragrance-free products with alpha hydroxy acids, which gently exfoliate to allow more water and moisture into the skin.
- Avoid antibacterial and deodorant soaps, which can be harsh and drying. Instead, use a gentle cleanser, such as Dove or Aveeno, or a mild shower gel with added moisturizers.
- Don't take extremely hot baths, or shower or soak in the tub for more than 10 minutes. Doing so breaks down your skin's natural protective oils, which keep it soft and smooth.
- Use a humidifier during the winter. Central heating and space heaters can dry out the air in your home.
- Choose natural, breathable fabrics, such as cotton and silk, for your bedding and innermost layer of clothing.
- Drink plenty of water and other liquids to keep skin hydrated from the inside out. Omega-3s (essential fatty acids found in foods such as salmon, walnuts, flaxseed, soybeans and broccoli) can also help keep skin supple.

When should you worry?

See a dermatologist if dryness and itching keep you awake at night, if OTC lotions aren't working, if you have open sores or large areas of scaling or peeling skin, or if you develop an infection from scratching. You could have a more serious condition such as eczema, psoriasis or another skin disorder.

Did you know?

- Although everyone's skin changes with age, a man's skin tends to stay moist longer. That's because a woman's skin becomes much drier after menopause.
- The best time to apply lotion is immediately after a shower or bath, when skin is still damp.
- Since dry skin is extra-sensitive, it's important protect it from the sun, especially if it's snowing (snow can reflect as much as 80 percent of the sun's rays). Apply SPF 15 or higher every day to your face, neck and ears.

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Friday October 2nd

DAYTIME

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AFTER
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BBC1

EastEnders,
8pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15 Rip Off Britain** (S) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 The Sheriffs Are Coming** (S)(R) **11.45 Thief Trackers** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News**; Weather; (S) **1.00 BBC Regional News and Weather**; (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 Decimate** Quiz show, hosted by Shane Richie. (S) **3.00 Escape to the Country** Two retired police officers search for a property in Lincolnshire. (S)(R) **3.45 Home Away from Home** (S) **4.30 Antiques Road Trip** (S) **5.15 Pointless** (S)(R) **6.00 BBC News**; Weather (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News Programmes**; Weather (S)

7.00 The One Show Hosted by Matt Baker and Alex Jones. (S) **7.30 A Question of Sport** With Steph Houghton, Michael Vaughan, Tommy Fleetwood and Will Sharman; (S) BBC News; Regional News (S)

8.00 EastEnders Carol finally decides to move away with Robbie. (S) **8.30 Still Open All Hours** Granville continues in his attempts to woo Mavis. (S)(R)

9.00 Have I Got News for You New series. The satirical quiz returns, with guest host Jeremy Clarkson. (S) **9.30 The Kennedys** New series. Comedy set in the 1970s, starring Katherine Parkinson. (S)

10.00 BBC News (S) **10.25 BBC Regional News**; (S) National Lottery Update (S) **10.35 The Graham Norton Show** With Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway, Kenneth Branagh and Tom Hiddleston. (S)

11.25 Asian Provocateur New series. Romesh Ranganathan connects with his roots in Sri Lanka. (S) **11.55 Pound Shop Wars** (S)(R)

12.25 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.30 BBC News** (S)

BBC2

Flog It!,
5.15pm

6.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) **7.00 The Sheriffs Are Coming** (S)(R) **7.45 Thief Trackers** (S)(R) **8.15 Sign Zone: Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **8.45 Sign Zone: Great British Menu** (S)(R) **9.15 Victoria Derbyshire** (S) **11.00 BBC News** (S) **11.30 BBC World News** (S) **12.00 Daily Politics** (S) **1.00 The Rockford Files** (S)(R) **1.45 Cash in the Attic** (S)(R) **2.30 A Taste of Britain** (S) **3.00 Best Bakes Ever** (S) **3.45 Africa** The challenges faced by the continent's wildlife. Last in the series. (S)(R) **4.45 Coast** (S)(R) **5.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **6.00 Strictly Come Dancing - It Takes Two** (S)

7.00 Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites The cook visits Guildford Farmer's Market. (S) (R) **7.30 Great British Menu** The last two Central region chefs cook all four courses again. (S)

8.00 Mastermind Specialist subjects include silent cinema, the Band Hawkwind and King Henry V. (S) **8.30 Gardeners' World** Fashion designer Zandra Rhodes explains how flowers influence her work. (S)

9.00 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice Jo Brand looks back at this week's semi-final. (S) **9.30 Patagonia: Earth's Secret Paradise** The animals and people carving out a home in the arid environment. (S)

10.30 Newsnight (S)

11.00 Artsnight How embarrassment can be a rich territory for artistic exploration; (S) Weather (S) **11.30 Later - with Jools Holland** Extended edition of the music programme. (S)

12.35 FILM Cash (2008) (12) Comedy thriller, starring Jean Dujardin and Jean Reno. **2.15 Sign Zone: Question Time** (S)(R) **3.15 Special Forces - Ultimate Hell Week** (S)(R) **4.15 This Is BBC Two**

ITV

Rugby World
Cup,
7.30pm

6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV News** (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News**; Weather (S) **2.00 Judge Rinder** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (S) **3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes?** Former newsreader Jan Leeming takes on the diners. (S) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (S) **5.00 The Chase** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News**; Weather (S) **6.30 ITV News** (S)

7.00 Emmerdale Chrissie and Bernice try to change Lawrence's mind. **7.30 Rugby World Cup** New Zealand v Georgia (kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the Pool C fixture at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff. (S)

10.00 ITV News and Weather (S) **10.35 ITV Regional News**; Weather (S) **10.50 Rugby World Cup Highlights** New Zealand v Georgia. (S)

11.20 FILM Fast & Furious (2009) (12) A fugitive and an FBI agent are forced to work together once again to bring a killer to justice. Thriller sequel, with Vin Diesel and Michelle Rodriguez. (S)

1.10 Jackpot247 **3.00 Britain's Best Bakery** (S)(R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen**

Channel 4

Jimmy Carr
Does Deal or
No Deal,
8pm

6.00 Countdown (S)(R) **6.45 3rd Rock from the Sun** (S)(R) **7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.00 Undercover Boss Australia** (S)(R) **11.00 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away** (S) (R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **1.10 Deal or No Deal** (S) **2.10 Countdown** (S) **3.00 Fifteen to One** General knowledge quiz. (S) **4.00 Posh Pawn** A suit of armour and matching horse arrive at Hatton Garden. (S)(R) **5.00 Four in a Bed** (S) **5.30 Come Dine with Me** (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

7.00 Channel 4 News (S)

8.00 Jimmy Carr Does Deal or No Deal The 8 Out of 10 Cats host takes on the Banker, trying to guess the value of mystery boxes to win up to £250,000 for his chosen charity Helen & Douglas House. (S)(R)

9.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (S)

10.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man Comedienne Sarah Millican talks to the host about her new stand-up tour, Alesha Dixon discusses her latest single, and legendary musician Morrissey performs Kiss Me a Lot. (S)

11.05 First Dates Clay-pigeon enthusiast Emma and financier Jeremy seem like a good match - until his work phone gets in the way. (S)(R)

12.05 Bad Robots (S) **12.30 Rude Tube** (S)(R) **1.25 FILM The Last Exorcism (2010)** (15) (S) **2.50 Supernatural** (S) **3.35 Location, Location, Location** (S)(R) **4.30 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites** (S)(R)

Channel 5

NCIS: New
Orleans,
9pm

6.00 Milkshake! **9.15 The Wright Stuff** Panel discussion. **11.10 Cowboy Builders** (S)(R) **12.10 5 News** **Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.15 NCIS: A marine veteran confesses to murder.** (S)(R) **3.15 FILM A Three Pines Mystery: Still Life (2013)** (12) Whodunnit, starring Nathaniel Parker. (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** Terese reunites with Susan and laments the mess that her marriage is in. (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** Josh reconnects with Damo. (S) (R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

7.00 Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud Dave Spikey and Zoe Lyons introduce another compilation of internet videos; (S)(R) **5 News Update** (S)

8.00 Sham Weddings & Bogus Brides Paul Connolly investigates a spate of fraudulent weddings in the UK; (S)(R) **5 News Update** (S)

9.00 NCIS: New Orleans An officer is shot dead while working on the security of the Vice Chief of Operations, leading to Brody being placed under investigation, with her competence in question. (S)

10.00 NCIS A port authority officer is murdered. (S) **10.55 NCIS: Los Angeles** The officers race against time to track down an elite hit squad that has murdered an agent on assignment. (S)

11.55 Access Showbiz news and gossip.

12.00 SuperCasino **3.10 Autopsy: The Last Hours of Amy Winehouse** (S)(R) **4.00 Wildlife SOS** (S)(R) **4.25 Divine Designs** (S)(R) **4.45 House Doctor** (S) (R) **5.10 House Doctor** (S)(R) **5.35 House Doctor** (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.20 Psych** **7.05 Emmerdale** **8.10 You've Been Framed!** **8.35 Dinner Date** **9.35 Psych** **10.25 The Real Housewives of Atlanta** **12.10 Emmerdale** **1.10 You've Been Framed!** **1.40 Dinner Date** **2.40 The Jeremy Kyle Show** **6.00 Judge Rinder** **7.00 You've Been Framed!** **8.00 FILM: The Back-up Plan (2010)** (12) Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Lopez. **10.10 FILM: Derailed (2005)** (15) **12.20 Two and a Half Men** **1.10 The Almost Impossible Gameshow** **2.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records** **2.25 Teleshopping** **5.55 ITV2 Nightscreen**

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 In Loving Memory **6.25 Heartbeat** **7.25 The Royal** **8.25 Where the Heart Is** **9.35 Judge Judy** **10.50 Inspector Morse** **1.05 Heartbeat** **2.05 The Royal** **3.05 Where the Heart Is** **4.15 Doctor in the House** **4.50 Rising Damp** **5.20 In Loving Memory** **5.50 Heartbeat** **6.55 Murder, She Wrote** **7.55 Foyle's War**

10.00 Law & Order: UK **11.05 The Vice** **12.10 Wycliffe** **1.40 Where the Heart Is** **2.35 Judge Judy** **3.15 Emmerdale**

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7

7.00 Great TV Mistakes **7.10 Doctor Who** **8.00 Don't Tell the Bride** **9.00 Russell Howard's Good News** **10.00 EastEnders** **10.30 Russell Howard's Good News Extra** **11.10 Family Guy** **12.00 American Dad!** **12.25 Family Guy** **12.45 Russell Howard's Good News** **1.45 Asian Provocateur** **2.15 Orphan Black** **3.40 Sunny D** **4.00 Close**

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 World News Today; Weather **7.30 Leeds International Piano Competition 2015** **9.00 Biggest Band Break Ups and Make Ups** **10.00 Music for Misfits: The Story of Indie** **11.00 BBC Music John Peel Lecture 2015 with Brian Eno** **12.00 FILM: Joy Division (2008)** (15) **1.35 Biggest Band Break Ups and Make Ups** **2.35 Music for Misfits: The Story of Indie** **3.35 Close**

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Hollyoaks **6.25 Charmed** **7.10 Revenge** **8.00 Baby Daddy** **9.00 Melissa & Joey** **10.00 Charmed** **12.00 Hollyoaks** **12.30 Baby Daddy** **1.00 How I Met Your Mother** **2.00 The Big Bang Theory** **3.00 Melissa & Joey** **4.00 Baby Daddy** **5.00 How I Met Your Mother** **5.30 The Big Bang Theory: Top 5 Penny** **6.00 The Big Bang Theory** **7.00 Hollyoaks** **7.30 Baby Daddy** **8.00 The Big Bang Theory** **9.00 FILM: Star Trek (2009)** (12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Chris Pine and Zachary Quinto. **11.30 The Big Bang Theory** **12.30 Bodyshockers: My Tattoo Hell** **1.35 Tattoos After Dark** **2.35 The IT Crowd** **3.30 How I Met Your Mother** **3.50 2 Broke Girls** **4.15 Revenge** **5.00 Charmed**

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 The Restoration Man **10.00 River Cottage Bites** **10.20 FILM: True Grit (1969)** (PG) **12.55 Time Team** **2.00 Come Dine with Me** **4.40 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** **5.45 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** **6.50 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away** **7.55 Grand**

Designs Revisited **9.00 Resistance** **10.20 FILM: Law Abiding Citizen (2009)** (18) **12.30 Grand Designs Revisited** **1.35 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away** **2.40 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** **3.45 Close**

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Lonely Are the Brave (1962) (PG) **1.10 Genevieve (1953)** (U) **2.55 Thunder Island (1963)** (U) **4.15 The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966)** (PG) **6.05 Clear and Present Danger (1994)** (12) **9.00 The Cold Light of Day (2012)** (15) **10.50 Young Detective Dee: Rise of the Sea Dragon (2013)** (U) Premiere. Mystery adventure prequel, starring Mark Chao. **1.30 Sixteen Candles (1984)** (15) **3.25 Close**

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.00 Rocket City Rednecks **7.20 Top Gear** **8.10 MegaTruckers** **9.00 American Pickers** **10.00 Lizard Lick Towing** **11.00 Storage Hunters** **12.00 Top Gear** **2.00 Storage Hunters UK** **3.00 American Pickers** **4.00 Top Gear** **6.00 MegaTruckers** **7.00 American Pickers** **8.00 Dynamo: Magician Impossible** **10.00 Room 101** **11.20**

8 Out of 10 Cats **12.20 Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish** **1.20 Room 101** **2.40 8 Out of 10 Cats** **3.05 Ross Noble: Freewheeling** **4.00 Close**

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Stargate SG-1 **7.00 Road Wars** **8.00 NCIS: Los Angeles** **9.00 Forever** **10.00 Hawaii Five-0** **12.00 NCIS: Los Angeles** **1.00 Hawaii Five-0** **3.00 Stargate SG-1** **4.00 Futurama** **5.00 The Simpsons** **5.30 Futurama** **6.30 The Simpsons** **8.00 A League of Their Own** **9.00 Mount Pleasant** **10.00 One Hundred and Eighty!** **11.00 Zoo** **12.00 NCIS: Los Angeles** **12.50 Hawaii Five-0** **4.20 UK Border Force**

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6.00 Star Trek: Enterprise **7.00 Seinfeld** **8.00 Urban Secrets** **9.00 House** **11.00 Without a Trace** **12.00 Blue Bloods** **1.00 Stargate Atlantis** **2.00 Star Trek: Enterprise** **3.00 Seinfeld** **4.00 Urban Secrets** **5.00 House** **7.00 Without a Trace** **8.00 Blue Bloods** **9.00 The Wire** **11.30 Ballers** **12.40 Aquarius** **1.40 The Affair** **2.55 True Blood** **4.10 Star Trek: Enterprise**

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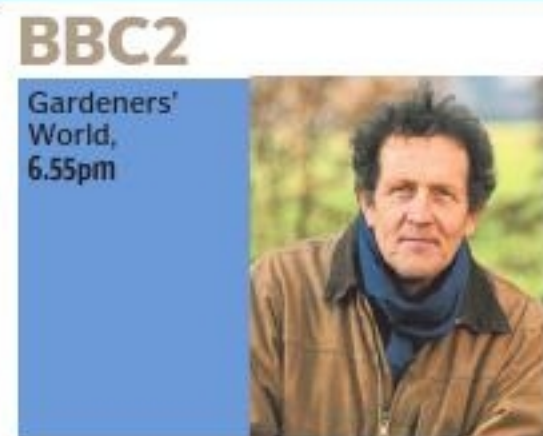
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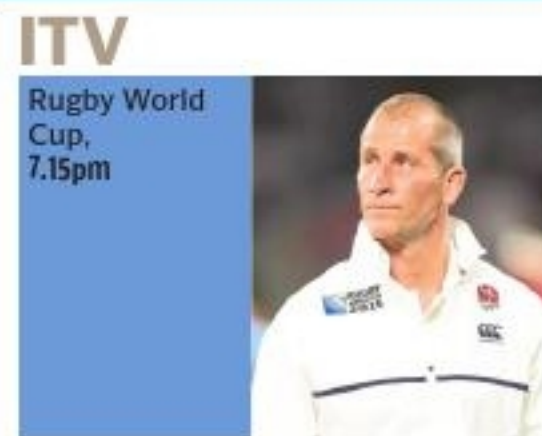
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6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts** (S)(R) **12.00 BBC News; Weather** (S) **12.10 Football Focus** (S) **12.50 Saturday Sportsday** (S) **1.00 Rugby League: Super League Play-Offs** (S) **2.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **3.00 Escape to the Continent** (S)(R) **4.00 Final Score** A round-up of this afternoon's football results. (S) **5.10 BBC News** (S) **5.20 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **5.30 Pointless Celebrities** (S) **6.20 Strictly Come Dancing** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman host as the couples perform for the second time. (S)



6.00 FILM Gunga Din (1939) (PG) (S) **7.55 FILM Dean Spanley** (2008) (U) (S) **9.30 The Women's Football Show** (S)(R) **10.00 Animal Park** (S)(R) **10.30 More Creatures Great and Small** (S)(R) **11.00 Animal SOS** (S)(R) **12.00 Great British Menu** (S)(R) **2.00 FILM Silk Stockings** (1957) (U) Musical, starring Fred Astaire. (S) **3.55 Flog It!** From Kidderminster, Worcestershire. Last in the series. (S)(R) **4.55 World's Busiest Railway 2015** (S)(R) **5.55 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure** (S)(R) **6.55 Gardeners' World** Fashion designer Zandra Rhodes explains how flowers influence her work. (S)(R)



6.00 CITV 9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30 The Unforgettable Frankie Howerd** A tribute to the comedian. (S)(R) **10.00 All Star Family Fortunes** With impressionist Jon Culshaw and Emmerdale's Fiona Wade. (S)(R) **10.45 The X Factor** The contestants perform at a country house. (S)(R) **12.45 ITV News; Weather** (S) **12.55 Downton Abbey** Cora and Violet clash over plans for the hospital. (S)(R) **2.00 Rugby World Cup** Samoa v Japan (kick-off 2.30pm). (S) **4.20 Rugby World Cup** South Africa v Scotland (kick-off 4.45pm). (S) **6.50 ITV Regional News; Weather** (S)



6.15 How I Met Your Mother (S)(R) **7.05 World Mountain Running Championships** Action from the event in Snowdonia, Wales. (S) **8.00 The Morning Line** Racing preview, with Rishi Persad. (S) **9.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.00 The Big Bang Theory** Penny gets fired from the movie. (S)(R) **10.50 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **1.30 Channel 4 Racing** Live coverage from Ascot, Newmarket and Redcar. (S) **4.10 Channel 4 News** (S) **4.35 Couples Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **6.05 Location, Location, Location** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer are in south-west London. (S)(R)



6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 SpongeBob SquarePants SpongeBob and Patrick go back in time. (S) **10.35 Access** Showbiz news and gossip. **10.50 Cowboy Builders** (S)(R) **12.50 FILM Crazy for Christmas** (2005) (PG) Family drama, starring Andrea Roth. (S) **2.45 FILM A Christmas Kiss** (2011) (PG) Romantic drama, with Laura Breckenridge and Brendan Fehr. (S) **4.30 FILM Help for Christmas** (2012) (PG) Fantasy, starring Summer Glau. (S) **6.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** Two agents face a heartbreaking house repossession in Merseyside. (S)(R)

7.30 Natural World: Honey Badgers - Masters of Mayhem An investigation into the fearless reputation of the animal. (S)(R)

7.00 ITV News (S) **7.15 Rugby World Cup** England v Australia (kick-off 8.00pm). John Inverdale presents coverage of the Pool A contest from Twickenham. (S)

7.00 Celebrity Benchmark Chris Ramsey and Joe Swash battle it out for a chance to win £50,000 for their chosen charity, as Paddy McGuinness hosts another star-studded round of the game show. (S)

7.05 Funniest Falls, Falls & Flops A woman who practises yoga too close to the sea. (S) **7.35 Funniest Falls, Falls & Flops** A pub worker who does not realise a cellar door is open. (S)

8.25 Doctor Who An underwater base comes under attack. (S)

8.25 Dad's Army Godfrey is accused of cowardice. (S)(R)

8.00 Britain's Best Loved Sitcoms Part one of two. Tamsin Greig narrates this tribute to the shows that have made millions laugh over the past 50 years, including Dad's Army and Mrs Brown's Boys. (S)

8.00 Now That's Funny! Internet-sourced videos with an amusing family friendly hook. (S) **8.55 5 News Weekend** (S)

9.10 Casualty Iain and Dixie are pushed to the limit during a training exercise. (S)

9.00 Cradle to Grave Danny finally enters Miss Blondel's darkroom. (S)(R) **9.30 Boy Meets Girl** Leo is given a trial at a car showroom. (S)(R)

9.00 FILM Bridesmaids (2011) (15) A disorganised woman takes charge of her best friend's bridal party, but the wife of the groom's boss causes problems. Comedy, with Kristen Wiig, Rose Byrne and Melissa McCarthy. (S)

9.00 Football League Tonight Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's top matches, including Leeds United v Birmingham City. (S)

10.00 The National Lottery Live (S) **10.10 BBC News; Weather** (S) **10.30 Match of the Day** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

10.00 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice Jo Brand looks back at this week's semi-final. (S)(R) **10.30 In Case You Missed It** Dara O Briain hosts a unique TV review show. (S)(R)

10.15 Through the Keyhole Keith Lemon snoops around the homes of three mystery celebrities, inviting Mark Wright, Janet Street-Porter and Vernon Kay to guess their identities. (S)

10.30 Michael Buble's Christmas Special The Canadian crooner performs classic festive songs. (S)(R)

11.55 FILM Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy (2004) (12) Comedy set in the 1970s, starring Will Ferrell and Christina Applegate. (S)

11.00 FILM Hunky Dory (2011) (15) Comedy drama, with Minnie Driver and Aneurin Barnard. (S)

11.15 ITV News; Weather (S) **11.35 Rugby World Cup Highlights** Samoa v Japan, South Africa v Scotland and England v Australia. (S)

11.30 FILM Hope Springs (2012) (12) A middle-aged couple head to a remote retreat for a week of therapy to revive their tired marriage. Romantic comedy, with Meryl Streep. (S)

11.25 My Crazy Christmas Obsession First of a two-part documentary about people obsessed with the festive period. Part of Channel 5's Christmas Comes Early season. (S)(R)

1.25 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.30 BBC News** (S)

12.40 FILM Skeletons (2010) (15) Fantasy comedy, with Ed Gaughan and Andrew Buckley. (S) **2.15 This Is BBC Two** (S)

12.35 Jackpot247 3.00 Show Me the Telly (S)(R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen**

1.25 Alan Carr: Chatty Man (S)(R) **2.20 Hollyoaks** (S)(R) **4.25 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites** (S)(R) **4.35 Deal or No Deal** (S)(R) **5.25 Fifteen to One** (S)(R)

12.25 The Gadget Show (S)(R) **1.20 SuperCasino 3.10 The Yorkshire Vet** (S)(R) **4.00 Body Donors** (S)(R) **4.50 Make It Big** (S)(R) **5.20 Make It Big** (S)(R) **5.45 Angels of Jarm** (S)(R) **5.50 Angels of Jarm** (S)(R)

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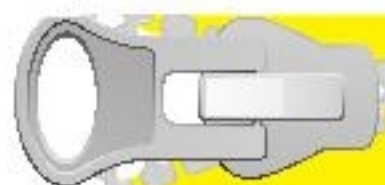
ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6 **6.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.25** Emmerdale **9.40** Coronation Street **11.05** The Cube **12.10** You've Been Framed: Kids! **1.10** The X Factor **3.15** The Xtra Factor **4.20** Catchphrase **5.00** FILM: The Polar Express (2004) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Tom Hanks. **6.55** FILM: Rumour Has It (2005) (12) Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Aniston and Kevin Costner. **9.00** FILM: Practical Magic (1998) (12) Fantasy, starring Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman. **11.15** Celebrity Juice **12.05** The Almost Impossible Gameshow **1.05** Release the Hounds **1.55** Safeword **2.30** Rixton: The Hot Desk **2.40** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen **ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10** **6.00** Movies Now **6.10** Where the Heart Is **8.05** Sherlock Holmes: The Eligible Bachelor **10.30** Agatha Christie's Sparkling Cyanide **12.25** Inspector Morse **2.45** Foyle's War **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Lewis **10.00** A

Touch of Frost **12.00** Inspector Morse **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping **BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7** **7.00** Don't Tell the Bride **8.00** FILM: Confessions of a Shopaholic (2009) (PG) Comedy, starring Isla Fisher. **9.40** FILM: Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (2011) (12) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Johnny Depp. **11.45** Family Guy **1.55** Asian Provocateur **2.25** Orphan Black **3.55** Close **BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9** **7.00** Three Men Go to Scotland **8.00** The Search for Alfred the Great **9.00** Beck: The Invasion **10.30** Biggest Band Break Ups and Make Ups **11.30** Music for Misfits: The Story of Indie **12.30** Top of the Pops: 1980 **1.05** A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley **2.05** FILM: Joy Division (2008) (15) **3.40** Close **E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28** **6.00** Baby Daddy **7.05** Suburgatory **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Melissa & Joey **10.00** Baby Daddy **11.00** The Goldbergs **12.00** FILM: Horton Hears a

Who! (2008) (U) **1.45** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **2.00** The Big Bang Theory: Access All Areas **2.30** The Big Bang Theory **6.00** FILM: Bride Wars (2009) (12) Comedy, starring Kate Hudson and Anne Hathaway. **7.45** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **8.00** The Big Bang Theory: Top 5 Raj **10.30** Gogglebox **12.40** Bad Robots **1.15** How to Pull the Date of Your Dreams **1.45** The Inbetweeners **2.40** How I Met Your Mother **3.25** Rules of Engagement **4.15** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.40** Revenge **MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14** **8.55** Time Team **10.00** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **10.30** FILM: The Sons of Katie Elder (1965) (U) **1.00** Four in a Bed **3.40** Grand Designs **5.50** Homes by the Sea **6.55** Titchmarsh on Capability Brown **8.00** Prince Philip: The Plot to Make a King **9.00** The Other Prince William **10.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **11.10** Chopped Off: The Man Who Lost His Penis **12.15** The Mega Brothel **1.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **2.20** Resistance **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15 **11.00** City of Ember (2008) (PG) **1.00** Catch That Kid (2004) (PG) **2.45** The Iron Giant (1999) (U) **4.25** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) (U) Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of John Leguizamo. **6.10** Robin Hood (2010) (12) Medieval adventure, starring Russell Crowe. **8.55** Macbeth Interview Special **9.00** Iron Man (2008) (12) Superhero adventure, starring Robert Downey Jr. **11.25** V/H/S/2 (2013) (18) Horror anthology, with Lawrence Michael Levine. **1.20** Memento (2000) (15) **3.40** Close **DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12** **6.05** The Re-Inventors **7.10** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** MegaTruckers **12.00** Lizard Lick Towing **1.30** Storage Hunters **3.30** Storage Hunters UK **4.00** Storage Hunters **5.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **7.00** Motorway Cops: A Traffic Cops Special **8.00** Gavin & Stacey **10.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life is Goodish **11.00** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **12.00** Have I Got a

Bit More Old News for You **1.00** Gavin & Stacey **2.45** Ross Noble: Freewheeling **3.35** Meat Men **4.00** Close **SKY1 SKY: 106** **7.00** Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Football Freestyler **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **12.00** The F1 Show **1.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **5.00** Modern Family **6.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** 50 Ways to Kill Your Mammy **10.00** You, Me and the Apocalypse **11.00** FILM: Final Destination 2 (2003) (15) Horror sequel, starring AJ Cook. **12.40** The Last Ship **1.40** Night Cops **3.30** Road Wars **SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108** **6.00** Alison Balsom: The Trumpet's Splendour **7.00** Seinfeld **10.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **1.00** The Petrol Age **2.00** Making Attenborough's Galapagos **3.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **4.00** Blue Bloods **8.00** Without a Trace **10.00** Thought Crimes: The Case Of The Cannibal Cop **11.40** Entourage **3.00** Curb Your Enthusiasm **4.10** Seinfeld



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BBC1

Match of the Day 2, 10.30pm



6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.30 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 Sunday Morning Live** (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** (S) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 BBC News** (S) **1.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **2.00 The Great British Bake Off** The remaining bakers get to grips with chocolate. (S) (R) **3.00 Eat Well for Less?** (S)(R) **4.00 Points of View** (S) **4.15 Songs of Praise** (S) **4.50 The Great British Bake Off Class of 2014** (S) **5.50 BBC News** (S) **6.10 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **6.15 Countryfile** Anita Rani and Helen Skelton visit Morecambe Bay in Lancashire. (S)

7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results The first couple are eliminated, and Rod Stewart provides the music. (S)

8.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce presents the show from Durham Cathedral, where finds include a carriage clock, an early drawing by Laura Knight, and a 19th-century missionary's medical kit. (S)

9.00 From Darkness New series. A former police officer is dragged back into the world of law enforcement by the discovery of four bodies linked to her old cases. Crime drama, starring Anne-Marie Duff. (S)

10.00 BBC News (S) **10.20 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **10.30 Match of the Day 2** Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action. (S)

11.45 The Women's Football Show Jacqui Oatley and guests review the conclusion to the FA WSL season. (S)

12.15 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.20 BBC News** (S)

BBC2

Special Forces - Ultimate Hell Week, 9pm



6.15 The Instant Gardener Transforming a roof terrace in Basingstoke. (S)(R) **7.00 Countryfile** This year's One Man and His Dog competition, from Chirk Castle, Wales. (S)(R) **8.00 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **8.30 The Beechgrove Garden** (S) **9.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** Highlights of the series. (S) **10.30 Great British Menu** Chefs compete. (S) (R) **11.00 Live Athletics** The Great Scottish Run. (S) **2.00 NFL Live** Miami Dolphins v New York Jets (kick-off 2.30pm). (S) **6.00 Super League Play-Offs** Action from the Million Pound Game. (S)

7.00 Patagonia: Earth's Secret Paradise The programme follows the path of the relentless wind sweeping east through Patagonia's dry desert. (S)(R)

8.00 Licence to Thrill - Paul Hollywood Meets Aston Martin The Great British Bake Off's Paul Hollywood indulges his passion for Aston Martin cars. (S)

9.00 Special Forces - Ultimate Hell Week Andrew Flintoff puts the contenders through the final challenge, as they undertake a gruelling 48 hours of mental and physical challenges with the British SAS. Last in the series.

10.00 Family Guy Joe quits his job and takes the guys on a road trip. (S) **10.20 Family Guy** The criminal who crippled Joe breaks out of jail. (S) **10.45 Family Guy** Lois has an image change. (S)

11.05 Top Coppers (S) **11.35 FILM Lucky Them** (2013) (15) Premiere. Comedy drama, with Toni Collette and Thomas Haden Church. (S)

1.05 FILM Love (2011) (12) Sci-fi drama, starring Gunner Wright. (S) **2.25 Sign Zone: Countryfile** (S)(R) **3.20 Holby City** (S)(R) **4.20 This Is BBC Two**

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Rugby World Cup, 4.20pm



6.00 CITV 9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **10.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **1.45 ITV News; Weather** (S) **2.00 Rugby World Cup** Argentina v Tonga (Kick-off 2.30pm). John Inverdale presents coverage of the Pool C encounter from Leicester City Stadium, as the teams face each other for the first time ever. (S) **4.20 Rugby World Cup** Ireland v Italy (Kick-off 4.45pm). John Inverdale presents coverage of the third Pool D match for both teams, which takes place at the Olympic Stadium in London. (S) **6.45 ITV Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.55 ITV News** (S)

7.00 The X Factor The first round of the Six Chair Challenge arrives, as Simon Cowell, Rita Ora, Nick Grimshaw and Cheryl Fernandez-Versini select acts to coach through to the contest's later stages. (S)

9.00 Downton Abbey Mr Carson and Mrs Hughes' wedding arrives, bringing with it a few unexpected guests. Meanwhile, as tensions mount over the hospital takeover, Isobel offends a friend. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S) **10.15 Rugby World Cup Highlights** Argentina v Tonga and Ireland v Italy. Mark Durden-Smith presents action from the latest matches. (S)

11.15 Perspectives: The Great American Love Song with Nicky Campbell The broadcaster reveals his passion for the music of 1920s and 1930s New York. (S)(R)

12.20 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **1.15 Jackpot247** **3.00 Motorsport UK** (S) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen** **5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R)

Channel 4

This Is England '90, 9pm



6.20 How I Met Your Mother (S)(R) **7.05 Caterham Motorsport** Action from a recent race at Oulton Park. (S) **7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S) (R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 Channel 4 Racing: Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe** Including the feature race at 2.55. (S) **4.00 The Simpsons** Marge invites Nelson Muntz to stay. (S)(R) **4.30 FILM School of Rock** (2003) (PG) A slobbish guitarist posing as a supply teacher to make money after getting dumped by his band moulds his pupils into a new rock group. Comedy, with Jack Black. (S) **6.40 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Homes by the Sea New series. Charlie Luxton visits seaside properties across Britain, beginning in Cornwall, where he visits a listed engine house at Porthowan and a tithe barn in Bude. Previously seen on More4.

8.00 Cleopatra's Lost Tomb An insight into the work of archaeologist Dr Kathleen Martinez. (S)

9.00 This Is England '90 Shane Meadows' decade-spanning chronicle concludes as the winter of 1990 arrives, bringing with it promise of new beginnings for Combo, Woody and Lol. Last in the series. (S)

10.40 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (S)(R)

11.45 Embarrassing Bodies: The 36-Stone Woman The doctors catch up with a woman who was morbidly obese. (S)

12.45 FILM The Stone Roses: Made of Stone (2013) (15) (S) **2.30 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **2.55 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **3.20 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **3.45 Come Dine with Me** (S) (R) **4.10 Fifteen to One** (S)(R)

Channel 5

Hancock, 7.10pm



6.00 Milkshake! **9.50 SpongeBob SquarePants** (S) **10.25 Football League Tonight** Highlights and all the goals from the Championship, League One and League Two. (S)(R) **11.55 Access** (R) **12.05 The Dog Rescuers at Xmas with Alan Davies** (S)(R) **1.05 My Crazy Christmas Obsession** Part one of two. Four American households who take festive decorating to the extreme. (S)(R) **2.10 FILM My Santa** (2013) (PG) Drama, starring Samaire Armstrong. (S) **3.50 FILM The Horse Whisperer** (1998) (PG) Drama, starring Robert Redford and Kristin Scott Thomas. (S)

7.05 5 News Weekend (S) **7.10 FILM Hancock** (2008) (12) Comedy, starring Will Smith and Charlize Theron. Edited for pre-watershed broadcast. (S)

9.00 FILM That's My Boy (2012) (15) Premiere. A man about to get married finds the big day gatecrashed by his irresponsible father, who wants to rebuild their relationship. Comedy, with Adam Sandler. (S)

11.20 FILM I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry (2007) (12) Comedy, with Adam Sandler, Kevin James and Jessica Biel. (S)

1.30 SuperCasino **3.10 Nevada Triangle: The Missing Evidence** (S)(R) **4.00 House Doctor** (S)(R) **4.25 Make It Big** (S)(R) **4.50 Make It Big** (S)(R) **5.20 Make It Big** (S)(R) **5.45 Angels of Jarm** (S)(R) **5.50 Angels of Jarm** (S)(R)

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6.00 The Cube **6.50 Emmerdale** **10.10 Coronation Street** **11.40 The Almost Impossible Gameshow** **12.40 You've Been Framed!** **1.10 FILM: Uncle Buck** (1989) (12) **3.05 FILM: Beethoven** (1992) (U) Canine comedy, starring Charles Grodin. **4.55 FILM: She's the Man** (2006) (12) Romantic comedy, starring Amanda Bynes and Channing Tatum. **7.00 FILM: Stormbreaker** (2006) (PG) Spy adventure, starring Alex Pettyfer. **9.00 The Xtra Factor** **10.00 FILM: American Pie: The Wedding** (2003) (15) Comedy sequel, starring Jason Biggs. **12.00 FILM: Billy Madison** (1995) (12) **1.45 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records** **2.10 Rizzle Kicks: The Hot Desk** **2.20 Teleshopping** **5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen**

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Murder, She Wrote **6.50 FILM: The Young Ones** (1961) (U) **9.05 Heartbeat** **11.10 Murder, She Wrote** **12.15 Inspector Morse** **2.30 FILM: Ben-Hur** (1959) (PG) Oscar-winning epic, starring Charlton

Heston. **6.50 Foyle's War** **9.00 Sunday Night at the Palladium** **10.00 Birds of a Feather** **10.30 City Lights** **11.35 FILM: Private Benjamin** (1980) (15) Comedy, starring Goldie Hawn. **1.50 Murder, She Wrote** **2.40 Doctor in the House** **3.05 ITV3 Nightscreen** **3.15 Emmerdale**

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7

7.00 Don't Tell the Bride **8.00 Top Gear** **9.00 FILM: Tropic Thunder** (2008) (15) Comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Robert Downey Jr. **10.40 Russell Howard's Good News** **11.05 Family Guy** **11.50 American Dad!** **12.10 Family Guy** **12.30 Asian Provocateur** **1.00 KKK: The Fight for White Supremacy** **2.00 Fried** **2.30 Don't Tell the Bride** **3.30 Asian Provocateur** **4.00 Close**

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Other Pompeii: Life and Death in Herculaneum **8.00 Woolly Mammoth: Secrets from the Ice** **9.00 Rome's Lost Empire** **10.30 TOTP2** **11.00 Jazz Piano Gold** **12.00 George Form: The Birth of Cool** **1.00 Bought with Love: The Secret History of British Art**

Collections **2.00 TOTP2** **2.30 A Very British Murder** with Lucy Worsley **3.30 Close**

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Suburgatory **6.45 Baby Daddy** **7.35 Melissa & Joey** **8.30 The Goldbergs** **9.00 How I Met Your Mother** **10.00 Hollyoaks** **12.35 FILM: Planet 51** (2009) (U) **2.20 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts** **2.30 Couples Come Dine with Me** **4.30 Bad(ish) Robots** **5.00 Rude(ish) Tube** **5.30 The Big Bang Theory** **9.00 FILM: X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (2009) (12) Superhero adventure prequel, starring Hugh Jackman. **11.10 The Inbetweeners** **12.10 The IT Crowd** **1.15 Rude Tube** **2.20 Young, Free & Single** **3.15 Tattoos After Dark** **3.35 Hollyoaks**

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free **10.00 Help! My House Is Falling Down** **11.00 Titchmarsh on Capability Brown** **12.05 Homes by the Sea** **1.10 Gadget Man** **2.45 Four in a Bed** **5.25 Come Dine with Me** **8.00 The Supernet** **9.00 Nazi Megastructures** **10.00 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners** **11.05 24 Hours in A&E** **12.05 8**

Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.10 Nazi Megastructures** **2.15 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners** **3.15 Kirstie's Vintage Gems** **3.35 Close**

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Last Wagon (1956) (PG) **1.00 Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian** (2009) (PG) **3.10 The Rugrats Movie** (1999) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Elizabeth Daily. **4.45 New in Town** (2009) (12) Romantic comedy, starring Renee Zellweger. **6.40 The Perks of Being a Wallflower** (2012) (12) Coming-of-age drama, starring Logan Lerman. **9.00 Taken** (2008) (15) Thriller, starring Liam Neeson. **10.50 Machete** (2010) (18) Action thriller, starring Danny Trejo. **12.55 The Wind That Shakes the Barley** (2006) (15) **3.35 Close**

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6.05 The Re-Inventors **7.10 Motorway Cops: A Traffic Cops Special** **8.00 Scrapheap Challenge** **10.00 Storage Hunters UK** **1.00 Motorway Cops** **3.00 Top Gear** **4.00 Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish** **7.00 Motorway**

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7.00 Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? **8.00 Monkey Life** **9.30 The Martian: Sky Movies Special** **10.00 Futurama** **11.00 WWE: Raw** **12.00 One Hundred and Eighty!** **1.00 Football's Funniest Moments** **2.00 Futurama** **6.00 The Simpsons** **9.00 Zoo** **10.00 The Force: Manchester** **11.00 Stop, Search, Seize** **12.00 Night Cops** **2.00 Road Wars** **4.00 Stargate Atlantis** **SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108** **6.00 Smash** **7.00 Friday Night Lights** **8.00 Seinfeld** **11.00 Star Trek: Enterprise** **1.00 Making Attenborough's Galapagos** **2.00 The Petrol Age** **3.00 Without a Trace** **5.00 Blue Bloods** **9.00 Game of Thrones** **11.05 Last Week Tonight with John Oliver** **11.40 Aquarius** **12.40 How to Die in Oregon** **2.45 The Affair** **3.50 Seinfeld**

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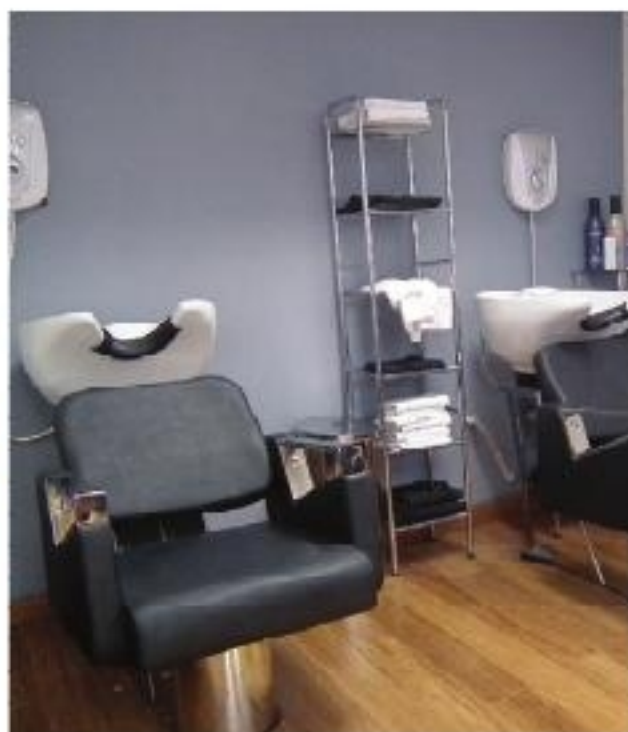
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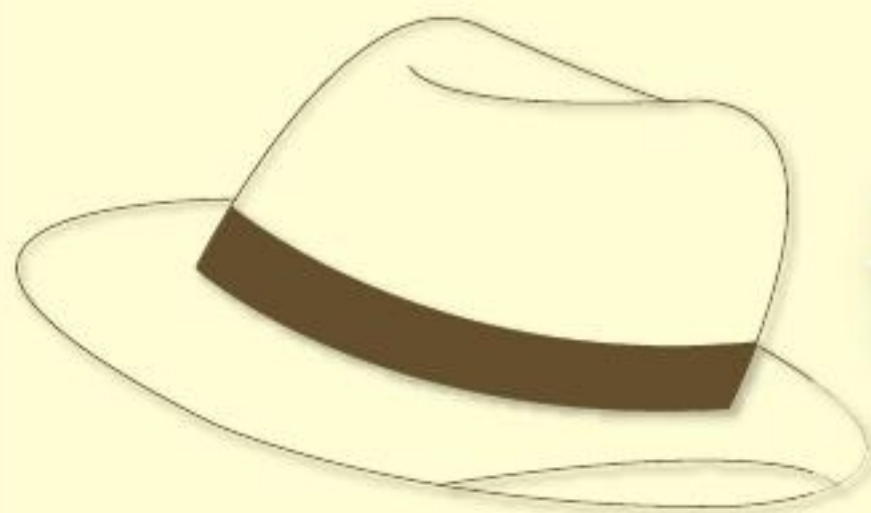
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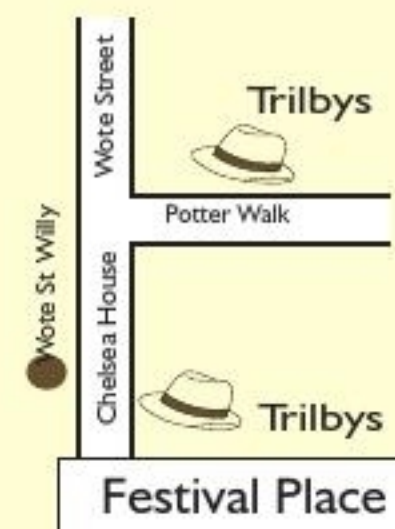
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What's on | NEWS

James steals the limelight

FOLLOWING his positive displays at this year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival, comedian James Acaster brings his 'Represent' tour to the Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre in Bordon on Thursday, October 15.

Known for his whimsical demeanour, the 30-year-old comic started his comedy career seven years ago, slowly emerging to be one of the most talked-about comedians in recent years.

Yet despite having the ability to make people laugh, the unconventional stand-up revealed to the Observer what career path he could have chosen if comedy hadn't come calling.

"Probably a thief, a professional thief," James jokingly said. "I like the thought of robbing people and creeping round in the dark. I could go on the lamb if I got caught. It's all very appealing."

Speaking about the show, he added: "The audience on the night will see a gangly Kettering boy doing whimsical stand up about his time on jury duty, which is also a fable."

After deciding that he wanted to

By James Richings

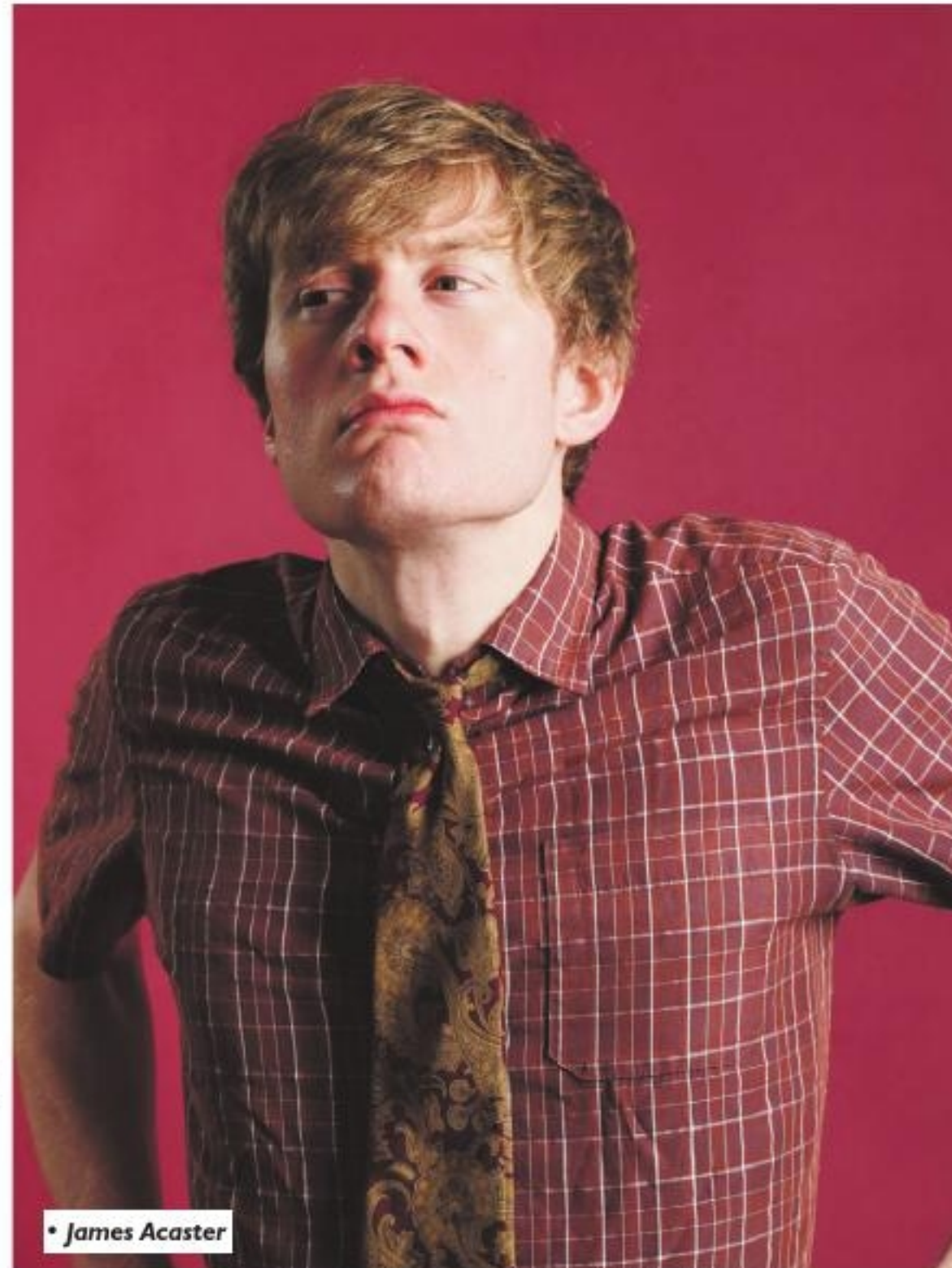
make people laugh for a living in January 2008, James performed at a number of different comedy clubs for the next 18 months.

This led the then 24-year-old to perform at his first Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August 2009 in a show with fellow comedians Nick Helm and Josh Widdicombe. The success of that first show made him a hot property and saw him tour with fellow comedians Josie Long and Milton Jones.

But despite appearing on TV shows such as '8 out of 10 Cats' and 'Mock the Week', James has never won an Edinburgh Fringe award despite being nominated a record four times between 2012 to 2015.

But this doesn't seem to bother the comic who had this advice for any aspiring comedian. "Throw yourself into it and don't be afraid to fail," he said. "Focus on getting better and everything else will follow."

The show is suitable for over-15s, and starts at 8pm. Tickets cost £14.



• James Acaster

Covers session

READING-BASED covers group Remix will be playing at the Laarsens pub in Basingstoke on Saturday, October 10.

The quintet will perform songs by the likes of Robbie Williams, Bruno Mars, Pharrell Williams and Katy Perry. The group also take requests from the audience.

The gig is free and starts at 10pm.

Shappi's in town

AWARD-WINNING comedian Shappi Khorsandi will be making her audience laugh at The Haymarket in Basingstoke tomorrow, Thursday, October 1.

The 42-year-old comic is known for her use of black comedy whilst delivering her punchlines in a deadpan manner.

Suitable for over-16s, the show starts at 8pm.

Tickets cost £15, or £13 for concessions.

Charity show

THE 2015 Basingstoke Variety Show is being staged on Saturday, October 3, at The Anvil.

It starts at 7.30pm at the Churchill Way venue, with tickets costing from £10 to £14.

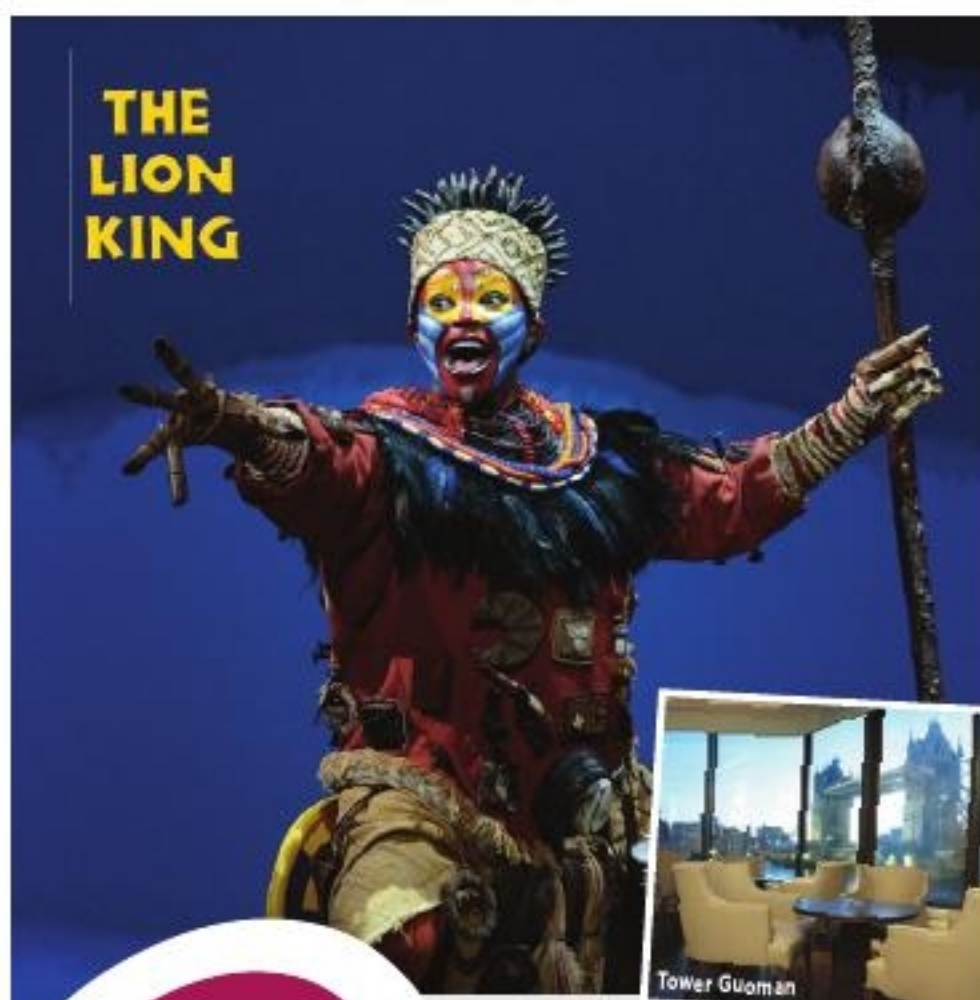
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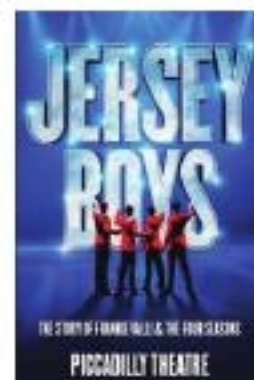
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What's on | NEWS

Father-and-son duo perform

REGULARS heading to The Prince of Wales pub in Fleet this weekend can expect to hear tracks from the likes of The Killers, Cat Stevens and Bob Dylan.

That's because the musical father-and-son duo NRG will be playing at the Reading Road South venue on Sunday, October 4.

Consisting of dad Roger Prior and his son Graham, the pairing will be visiting the Fleet venue for their monthly performance at the pub - something the pair have done for many years.

Graham revealed to the Observer why he and his father came to choose NRG as their group's name.

"As my dad used to be a solo artist, he went out as just Roger but when I came along it became Roger and Graham," said Graham.

"Then a few years ago, my friend Nic joined us for a couple of years and someone pointed out he never got a mention, so we put our initials together to form NRG."

"People know us as that now so we just kept the name, even though it's just a duo these days."

With the father and son duo both working as full-time musicians, audience members will be in for a treat this Sunday.

By James Richings

Roger will showcase his skills as a vocalist whilst also playing instruments such as the acoustic guitar and a drum-sampling machine, while son Graham will be showing off his talents as an electric guitarist, mandolin player and singer.

And despite covering well-known tracks from groups and musicians such as Daft Punk, Pink Floyd and Simon & Garfunkel, Graham revealed that this weekend's gig would include some of his own original material.

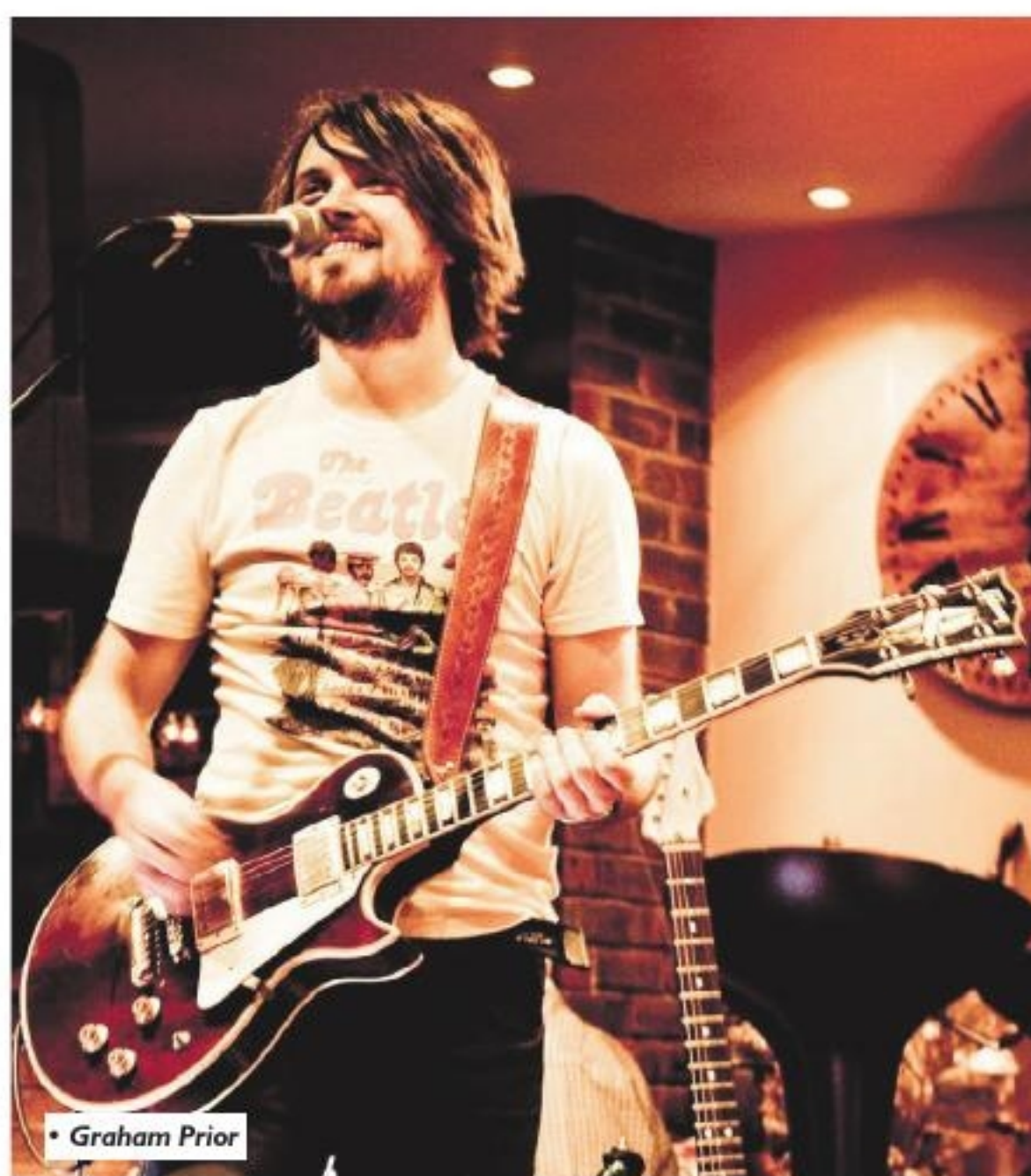
"I will be performing a couple of my own songs on the night which are usually towards the beginning and are called 'Sugar', and 'Bleeding Soho'", he said.

"A live performance is different every single time as you never know what you're going to get, and the audience, whether they realise it or not, play a huge role in the dynamics of the evening."

He added: "People are always trying to guess how we're related and some have no idea we're father and son!"

"They're always surprised and think it's great. It doesn't sound the coolest thing at first but my dad is a pretty cool guy."

The free gig starts at 8.30pm.



• Graham Prior

Festival returns

THE Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre's beer festival returns on Saturday, October 3.

The second annual event will have a number of different ales on offer, along with local musicians providing entertainment.

The lunchtime session starts at 12pm and finishes at 4pm, with the evening session running from 6pm to 10.30pm. Tickets cost £6 per session or £10 for both sessions.

Free pub gig

FOUR-PIECE covers group Forty45 will be playing at The Fox and Hounds pub in Fleet on Saturday, October 3.

The band will perform feel-good pop and rock songs at the Crookham Road venue.

The Woking-based group will start their free gig at 9pm.

Danny in concert

TEXAS-BASED singer-songwriter Danny Schmidt will be playing at The Forge on Sunday, October 4.

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THIS September, a brand new car was introduced to the Bentley family.

Revealed at this year's International Motor Show in Germany, which took place from September 17 to September 27, the British car manufacturer announced that the Bentley Bentayga will be available to purchase next year.

The four-seat, five-door SUV vehicle was designed, engineered and hand-crafted at its headquarters in Crewe, with the Bentayga offering a wide range of features for the driver.

One of these is the Traffic Sign Recognition system, which detects a variety of traffic signs whilst displaying traffic information to the driver.

And a system called Top View uses four cameras to display an overall picture of the vehicle's surroundings.

The Bentayga is also available with Park Assist which detects suitable parking spaces before self-directed steering takes over to support parking

REVIEW: Bentley Bentayga
 By James Richings

manoeuvres, even in narrow spaces.

The dashboard takes the iconic Bentley 'wing' design as its inspiration, with the Bentayga's exterior showing shades of previous Bentley models.

Similar to the Bentley Mulsanne, which was first introduced in 2010, the Bentayga has four round LED headlamps and large matrix grille for an intimidating look.

Chairman and chief executive of Bentley Motors, Wolfgang Dürheimer, said "The Bentayga redefines luxury in the SUV sector and offers a genuine Bentley experience in any environment, thanks to a combination of unparalleled attention to detail, go-anywhere ability and cutting-edge technology.

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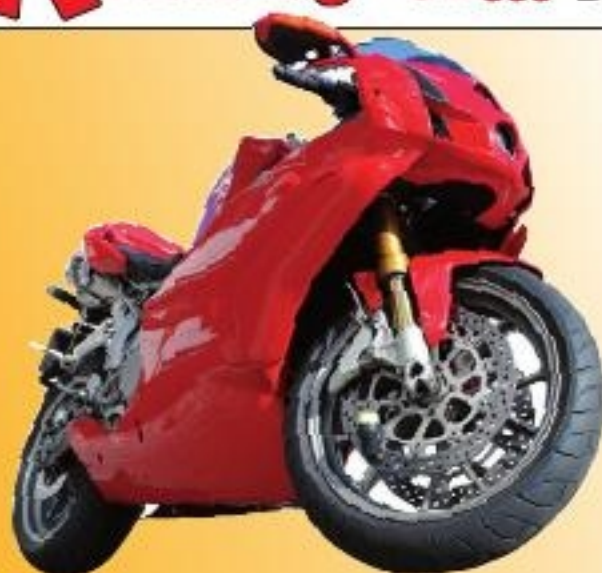
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Stinging loss knocks Bison off the top spot

Rose ends season with a flurry

NORTH Hampshire's Justin Rose cemented his position as one of the world's best golfers by claiming a tie for second place at the Tour Championship at the weekend.

The 35-year-old put in another strong performance in the PGA Tour's final event of the season to move up four places in the FedEx Cup rankings to ensure that he left the Atlanta course with a cool \$1.2million.

Rose finished four shots behind world number one Jordan Spieth, whose victory at East Lake ensured that he snapped up the \$10m jackpot after securing the points needed to leapfrog Jason Day.

Rose, a former Robert May's School pupil, recovered from a rocky start to salvage a level par opening round with birdies at 15, 16 and 17.

A mixed few days then knocked Rose out of the running for the top prize through successive rounds of 68 (-2) and 71 (+1).

But a strong final round containing seven birdies helped the Englishman quickly cut the gap on the chasing pack, with Rose bemoaning a double bogey at 10 and a bogey at the 17th for depriving him of second place outright as he finished on five under par for the tournament.

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BASINGSTOKE Bison surrendered their position at the top of the English Premier League (EPL) at the weekend after following up another victory with their second loss of the season.

The Herd maintained their perfect record at Planet Ice to stretch their winning run to three games after seeing off Hull Pirates 3-2 with the help of a tense penalty shoot-out on Saturday.

But Doug Sheppard's side were stung on the road the following night by a busy Bracknell Bees team who saw off the visitors 4-1 at the Hive in a strong performance.

Successive wins over title rivals Manchester Phoenix and reigning champions Telford Tigers the previous week meant that Bison welcomed newly promoted Hull to the Basingstoke Arena on a wave of form.

And the Stampede dominated right from the first buzzer against the EPL minnows, but still struggled to carve out any major chances of note.

The home fans didn't have to wait long for the first score

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though, as Joe Rand found the net on 21:39.

With goaltender Jon Baston blocking everything however, Bison were hit with a sucker punch mid way through the period as Jonathan Kirk blasted the puck home from the blue line.

Amazingly, the Pirates took the lead 2:08 into the third period through Craig Thurston to prompt one-way traffic from Bison as a result.

Baston was required to make 22 saves in the final 20 minutes, with Joe Greener finally beating him on his left side to draw the teams level.

And that's the way it stayed for the remainder of the period, while neither side could be separated in overtime - forcing penalties as a result, with Ryan Watt stepping up to score the winner.

Bison found beating Bracknell a much tougher task the following night, as strikes from Frankie Bakrik and Lukas Smi-



tal gave the Bees a 2-0 lead on 9:44.

Ciaran Long pulled one back after the first break, before Milan Kostourek and Matt Towalski each found the net to seal a sizable win for the hosts.

Next up for Bison is a home

game against Telford on Saturday and a trip to Manchester the following night.

• **Ryan Watt celebrates scoring on Saturday** (picture courtesy of grantkingphotography.com)

Collard earns Silverstone podium

HOOK-BASED racing driver Rob Collard bounced back from his nightmare experience at Rockingham with a high scoring weekend at Silverstone.

The West Surrey Racing (WSR) man put in a string of encouraging displays on his way to 33 points in the British Touring Car Championships (BTCC).

Collard's highlight was undoubtedly the final race on Sunday however, as he roared off the starting line to claim second place and a hard-earned spot on the podium.

After his shocker in Northamptonshire earlier this month that saw him fail to pick up a single point, the experienced racer showed his class to put the episode behind him and finish 12th in qualifying.

Collard will have been pleased

with his opening run, as he moved up the field to finish in seventh spot ahead of teammates Sam Tordoff and Andy Priaulx.

But Tordoff got the better of Collard in the next race - passing the older driver to leave him in ninth place.

He ended the weekend on a high alongside his fellow WSR racer however, after the pair finished second and third respectively behind winner Colin Turkington.

Collard's Silverstone revival ensured that he narrowed the gap to ninth-placed Jack Goff in the overall standings to just two points, ahead of the final meeting of the season at Brands Hatch a week on Saturday.



• WSR driver Rob Collard (picture courtesy of btcc.net)

Sport Bites

'Stoke lose

RUGBY: Basingstoke RFC lost their second game on the trot on Saturday at home to unbeaten KCS Old Boys.

The visitors saw off Gareth Hatherley-Hurford's side 34-12 at Down Grange to ensure that 'Stoke remained without a point at the start of the new London South West Two season.

After racing into a 24-0 lead, winger Matt Woodhouse scored a try for the second week running just before half time to get his side off the mark.

But that was as good as it got for the home side in an attacking sense, although Hatherley-Hurford will be pleased with how well his side defended in the second half.

Next up for Basingstoke is a trip to fourth placed Effingham and Leatherhead on Saturday.

Town triumph

FOOTBALL: Basingstoke Town Ladies won again on Sunday to maintain their perfect start to the new campaign.

Goals from Lianne Hill and Katie Randell were enough to see off Woodley United 2-0 on the road as Basingstoke maintained second spot in the Southern Region Women's Football League Premier Division.

Next up for 'Stoke is a home match with Fulham Foundation in the Women's FA Cup on Sunday, October 11, following a comprehensive 4-0 win over Downend Flyers in the competition earlier this month.

Better than dad

MOTORSPORT: Ricky Collard joined dad Rob on the podium at Silverstone at the weekend after winning his sixth race of the MSA Formula Championship this season.

The victory in the second race of the day saw Collard close the gap behind rival Lando Norris at the top of the championship standings to 11 points, having finished the opener in fifth, with his rival taking the chequered flag.

Damage to his nose cone and front wing ensured that things didn't go so well for Collard in the final race however, as he was forced into the pits.

With Norris in 10th, it prevented Collard taking the lead in the championship with one round of races to go.

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DRAGONS CLAIM FA CUP RELIEF

BASINGSTOKE Town made the most of a welcome break from the league to register their first wins of the season last week.

A hat-trick from Chris Flood helped cap off a positive few days for the club on Saturday as 10-man 'Stoke' overcame Slough Town 4-2 in an enthralling FA Cup second qualifying round encounter at The Camrose.

That result came just four days after Jason Bristow's men finally secured that elusive first victory at the 12th time of asking with a 3-0 win at home to Farnborough in the Hampshire Senior Cup.

The Dragons overcame the Isthmian League Premier Division side with goals from Harrison Gilkes and a Lloyd Macklin penalty inside the opening 15 minutes, with Louie Soares adding a third after the break.

Slough would prove to be a much tougher nut to crack, but the visitors were left with their heads in their hands after six

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minutes as striker Flood capitalised on some lax defending to open the scoring from six yards.

Scott Harris then rattled the crossbar for the Rebels, before Adam Martin dispatched a penalty to give the visitors a deserved equaliser on the half hour mark after Town captain David Ray had pulled down full-back Jhai Dhillon.

Slough skipper Gary MacDonald looped a free header onto the crossbar on the stroke of half-time, before Flood tapped home to give Town the lead five minutes after the break.

Within a flash it was 3-1, as the in-form striker scored the best goal of the day to claim the match ball - leaping like a salmon at the far post to thunder a header into the top of the net from Tom Bird's whipped cross.

Basingstoke were reduced to 10 men on the hour mark as Shaun McAuley picked up his second yellow card of the match for a robust challenge, with Harris managing to make it 3-2 with a header 10 minutes from time.

But with the visitors chasing the game, substitute Macklin broke the offside trap to stride clean through and slot into an empty net from 30 yards out to set up a home tie with either Ebbsfleet United or Chelmsford City, who played last night after the Observer went to press.

Next up for Basingstoke is a trip to high-flying Bath City on Saturday, with manager Jason Bristow urging his players to carry their new found momentum into the league as they look to move up the National League South table.

He said: "Once they got it back to 3-2, they didn't get another chance after that.

"The way things have gone for us lately, that's great credit to the players, because a couple of weeks ago, maybe we would've crumbled a little bit.

"It's great being through in the cup, but next week we're back to the reality of the league, and we haven't won in 11 games - we can't forget that."



• Basingstoke Town striker Chris Flood (left) claimed a hat trick as the Dragons saw off Slough Town 4-2 in the FA Cup on Saturday

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